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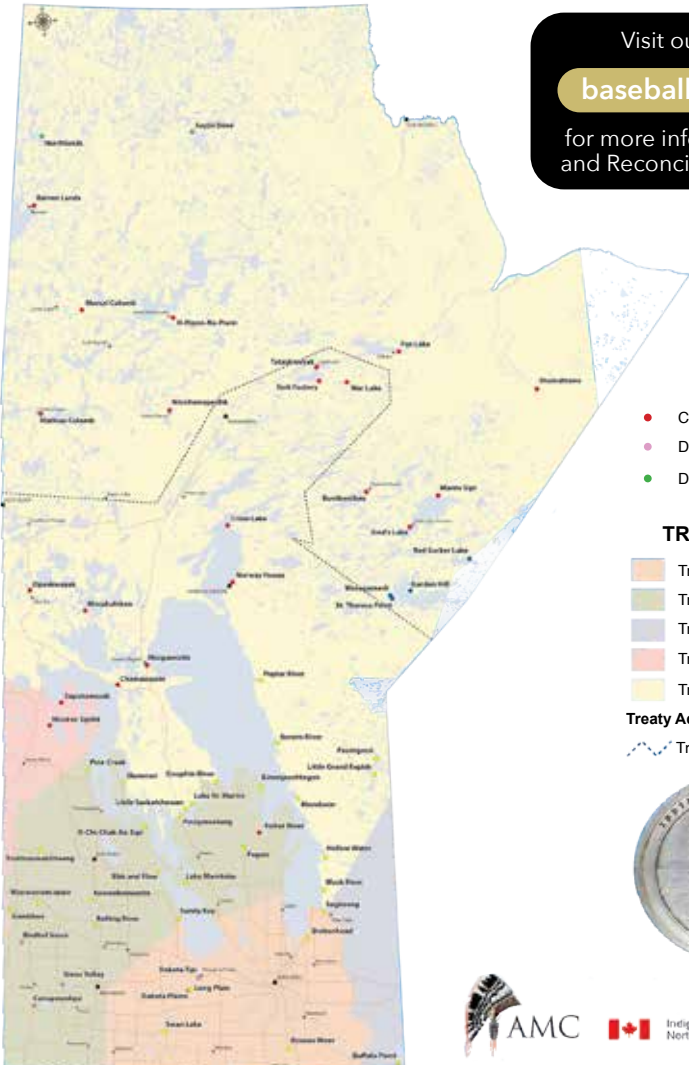
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
6:30PM - 9:30PM

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BRANDON, MANITOBA



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BASEBALL MANITOBA

Baseball Manitoba is committed to furthering the development of amateur baseball at both the local and provincial levels. While the pursuit of excellence at all levels is a primary goal, we realize the need to provide participants with opportunities which enable them to reach their realistic level of potential, ability and interest. We realize the need to continually develop our programs and resources, thereby improving both the technical and administrative delivery of services to members and participants across the province.

MISSION STATEMENT

Provide leadership, support and opportunities to our community for the development of baseball.

VISION

"To inspire a lifelong passion for baseball."

VALUES

- Ensuring a fun and safe environment
- Demonstrating respect and integrity
- Fostering teamwork and collaboration
- Achieving inclusivity and fairness
- Cultivating successful experiences and citizenship
- Supporting the development of participants





make the 2024 season successful and enjoyable.

This evening, we recognize the countless hours and great effort put in by our community to improve baseball in Manitoba. Stakeholders such as players, coaches, and umpires worked together this season to improve and challenge each other. Parents and volunteers strived to provide opportunities with facilities and events. Congratulations to all nominees, award winners and inductees.

I would like to recognize and thank Baseball Manitoba's Management Committee and our office staff for their dedication and efforts to provide leadership, support and opportunities to our community for the development of baseball. Finally, I would like to thank you again, our members, for your commitment, passion, enthusiasm, and time in helping deliver and grow baseball in Manitoba.

Roger Langlais
President

On behalf of Baseball Manitoba, I would like to welcome all the athletes, volunteers, coaches, officials, parents and family members to the 2024 Baseball Manitoba Awards Banquet. Today, we celebrate baseball by recognizing outstanding performances and valuable contributions by our community.

A great big thank you to all our sponsors during this last season. We greatly appreciate our longstanding and new sponsors for their generosity and commitment to baseball in Manitoba.

This season Manitobans created many memorable baseball experiences across the province. We greatly appreciate all our community members who helped

INTRODUCTION, WELCOME, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Master of Ceremonies - Clayton Dreger, Sport Director Golden West Radio

WELCOME

Councillor Bruce Luebke

PRESIDENTIAL GREETINGS

Roger Langlais, Baseball Manitoba

DINNER

GUEST SPEAKER

Glen Simard, Minister of Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism

AWARDS PRESENTATION

- Grassroots Coach of the Year: Derek Helgason (Elmwood)
- High Performance Coach of the Year: Cody Benson (La Salle)
- Grassroots Team of the Year: 15U AA St James Female Team
- High Performance Team of the Year: Minor: 18U AAA Elmwood Giants
- High Performance Team of the Year: Major: Senior West Winnipeg A's
- Honour Society: Dale McKinnon (Deloraine)
- Volunteer of the Year: Dan Cox (Winnipeg)
- Derrick Dubell Grassroots Umpire of the Year: ... Michael Carlberg (La Salle)
- Ron Shewchuk High Performance Umpire of the Year: Ezekiel Fehr (Winnipeg)
- Larry Nicholls Umpire Award of Merit: Miles Parr (Russell)
- Honour Society: Tom Yandeanu (Plumas)
- Honour Society: Nicole Madsen (Hamiota)
- Challenger Player of the Year: Hayden Cecchini (West St Paul)
- 13U Player of the Year: Donovan Dionne (Bonivital)
- 15U Player of the Year: Seth Hooper (St. Adolphe)
- 18U Player of the Year: Lucas Lyons (Winnipeg)
- 14U Girls Player of the Year: Josie Miller (Headingley)
- 16U Girls Player of the Year: Ally Neufeld (Boissevain)
- Senior Women's Player of the Year: Jewell Thompson (MacGregor)
- 22U Player of the Year: Easton Grieve (St James)
- Senior Men's Player of the Year: Logan Warkentin (Domain)
- Honour Society: Peter Perreault (Russell)
- Baseball Manitoba Region of the Year

SILENT AUCTION & 50/50 DRAW/CLOSING REMARKS

GLEN SIMARD

Minister of Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism



Glen Simard was elected as the MLA for Brandon East in 2023. Before becoming an MLA, he was a teacher at École Harrison in Brandon, teaching physical education. He grew up in nearby St-Lazare and moved to Brandon to attend Brandon University, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in education and English. Simard has served in several volunteer roles in his community including with the Brandon Teachers' Association, Brandon Minor Baseball, and Millenium Park. He is well known within the Brandon Minor Baseball community as an outstanding volunteer who served as the association's Vice-President for over a decade, contributing countless hours of his time to the development of baseball in Brandon. He lives in Brandon with his wife, Lori, and their two sons.



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From 1984 to 1999 Baseball Manitoba selected a Coach of the Year, regardless of division coached. In 2000, separate categories for Grassroots Coach and High Performance Coach were introduced.

COACHES OF THE YEAR

COACH	YEAR
Rick Penner (Altona Bantams)	1984
Al Robertson, Ray Mutcheson and Mike Labossiere (Team Manitoba Junior)	1985
Joe Wiwchar & Les Ehnes (Pembina Valley Jr.)	1986
Sam Jamieson (McAuley Senior)	1987
Doug Miner (Pierson Pee Wee)	1988
Bob Landry (St. Boniface Junior)	1989
Brad Clegg (Hamiota Senior)	1990
Gord Leduchowski (Team Canada)	1991
Erwin Warkentin (St. James Bantam)	1992
Art Essery (Grosse Isle Intermediate)	1993
Gord Van Hussen (Interlake Bantams)	1994
Brian Reid (Carman Midgets)	1995
Barry Chartrand (Carillon Bantam)	1996
Mike Rolling (Russell Midget)	1997
Jeff Robertson (Birtle Senior)	1998
Neil Andrews (Brandon Senior)	1999

GRASSROOTS COACHES OF THE YEAR

COACH	YEAR
Jim Findlay (Grosse Isle)	2000
Gary Williams (Deloraine)	2001
Nick Mancussi (St. James)	2002
Bill Old (Brandon)	2003
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Rick Baldwin (Grosse Isle)	2005
Cody Reimer (Rosenort)	2006
Dale McKinnon (Deloraine)	2007
Jason Quick (Red River Valley)	2008
Jeff Hlady (Dauphin)	2009
Todd Kemball & Paul Armstrong (St. James)	2010
Mike Johnson (Baldur)	2011
Michel Fournier (La Broquerie)	2012
Curtis Grieve (St. James) & Jason Mateychuk (Dominion City)	2013
Curt Brandt (Blumenort)	2014
Ryan Fines (Stonewall)	2015
Jeff & Kerry Trager (Winnipeg South)	2016
Jeremy Culleton (Carillon)	2017
Dean Sproule (Niverville)	2018
Doug Lockhart (Winnipeg)	2019
None due to COVID-19	2020
Kelly Wiens (Kleefeld)	2021
John Magarrell (Domain)	2022
Jack Bell (St James)	2023

DEREK HELGASON (ELMWOOD)

2024 GRASSROOTS COACH OF THE YEAR



- Coached the 18U AA Elmwood Giants in 2024
- Helped create a Learn-to-Play Program which brought baseball back to the inner-city Chalmers Community Club
- With an exceptional knowledge of the game, he supported athletes with their skill development, and instilled in them a passion for baseball

CODY BENSON (LA SALLE)

2024 HIGH PERFORMANCE COACH OF THE YEAR



- Was the Head Coach of the Baseball Manitoba 17U Youth Provincial Team in 2024
- Created a positive environment where his team could thrive throughout the season
- Led his team to a bronze medal at the 2024 Canada Cup Championships in Fort McMurray, Alberta

HIGH PERFORMANCE COACHES OF THE YEAR

COACH	YEAR	COACH	YEAR
Morgan de Peña (Winnipeg South)	2000	Faron Asham (Team MB, Brandon)	2012
Darryl Bruce (Carillon)	2001	David Nychyk (North Winnipeg)	2013
Bob Andruchuk (Wpg. South) & Lawson Davie (Midwest)	2002	Blaine Boyle (Pembina Hills)	2014
Ross Tycoles (Oildome)	2003	Jeff Bouchard (Bonivital)	2015
Faron Asham (Team Manitoba)	2004	Jamieson Krentz & Nic Grenier (Carillon)	2016
Bryan Ezako (Winnipeg South)	2005	Faron Asham (Team Manitoba)	2017
Eric Mabon (Elmwood Giants)	2006	Dave Martine (Brandon)	2018
Russ Paradoski (North Winnipeg)	2007	Ed Kulyk (Winnipeg)	2019
Glen Hunter (Red River Valley)	2008	None due to COVID-19	2020
Gerry Janz (Baldur Sr.)	2009	Jeff Bouchard	2021
Jamie Bettens (St. Boniface Jrs.)	2010	Clinton Brandt (Mitchell)	2022
Dan Giesbrecht (Altona Jrs.)	2011	Ed Kulyk (Elmwood)	2023

From 1984 to 1999 Baseball Manitoba selected a Team of the Year, regardless of division. In 2000, separate categories for Grassroots Team and High Performance Team were introduced. In 2013, the High Performance category was divided into two divisions: Minor (for 13U to 18U), and Major (for 21U and Senior teams).

TEAMS OF THE YEAR

TEAM	YEAR
Altona Bisons (Bantam)	1984
Team Manitoba (Junior)	1985
Carman Goldeyes (Senior)	1986
Killarney A's (Bantam)	1987
Brandon All-Stars (Pee Wee)	1988
St. Boniface Native Sons (Senior)	1989
Oil Dome A's (Bantam)	1990
Portage Athletics (Midget)	1991
Elmwood Giants (Midget)	1992
St. Boniface Native Sons (Senior)	1993
Morden Mohawks (Intermediate)	1994
Carman Goldeyes (Midget)	1995
Russell Chargers (Mosquito)	1996
Winnipeg South Chiefs (Pee Wee)	1997
St. James A's (Bantam)	1998
Carillon Sultans (Pee Wee)	1999

HIGH PERFORMANCE TEAMS OF THE YEAR

TEAM	YEAR
Brandon Marlins (Midget "AAA")	2000
Carillon Sultans (Bantam "AAA")	2001
Elmwood Giants (Senior "AA")	2002
Carillon Sultans (Midget "AAA")	2003
Pembina Valley Orioles (Junior "AAA")	2004
Elmwood Giants (Junior "AAA")	2005
Elmwood Giants (Junior "AAA")	2006
Brandon Cloverleafs (Senior "AAA")	2007
Winnipeg South (Pee Wee "AAA")	2008
St. James (Midget "AAA")	2009
Winnipeg South (Bantam "AAA")	2010
Altona Bisons (Junior "AAA")	2011
Elmwood Giants (Senior "AAA")	2012



15U AA ST JAMES FEMALE TEAM

2024 GRASSROOTS TEAM OF THE YEAR



U15 AA St James A's (Female) 2024

- The first ever all-female AA team registered in Manitoba
- The team was comprised of girls with much different backgrounds, experiences, abilities, and individual goals, and were from a variety of associations surrounding Winnipeg
- Each athlete showed up ready to play and worked hard as they competed in the Winnipeg Minor Baseball AA League, a male dominated environment



GRASSROOTS TEAMS OF THE YEAR

TEAM	YEAR	TEAM	YEAR
Altona Bisons (Bantam "AA")	2000	Altona Bisons (Midget "AA")	2012
Steinbach (Bantam "AA")	2001	Oak River (Bantam "AA")	2013
Boissevain (Pee Wee "AA")	2002	Rock Lake (Midget "AA")	2014
Neepawa (Midget "AA")	2003	Stonewall (Pee Wee "AA")	2015
Grosse Isle (Pee Wee "AA")	2004	Winkler Pee Wee ("AA")	2016
Plum Coulee (Pee Wee "AA")	2005	La Broquerie A's (15U "AA")	2017
Morden (Bantam "AA")	2006	14U Girls Team Manitoba	2018
Altona (Midget "AA")	2007	18U Altona Bisons	2019
Cardale (Midget "AA")	2008	None due to COVID-19	2020
Charleswood Dodgers (Mosquito "AA")	2009	Bonivital White Sox (15U "AA")	2021
Altona Bisons (Pee Wee "AA")	2010	Gladstone Pirates (18U "AA")	2022
Oak River/Cardale (Pee Wee "A")	2011	Charleswood Dodgers (15U "AA")	2023

18U AAA ELMWOOD GIANTS

2024 HIGH PERFORMANCE TEAM OF THE YEAR: MINOR



- Won the 2024 18U AAA Tier 1 Provincial Championships in Winnipeg South
- Finished 6th at the 2024 18U National Championships in St. John's, Newfoundland
- Represented the very best of Red River Valley Baseball during the entire season



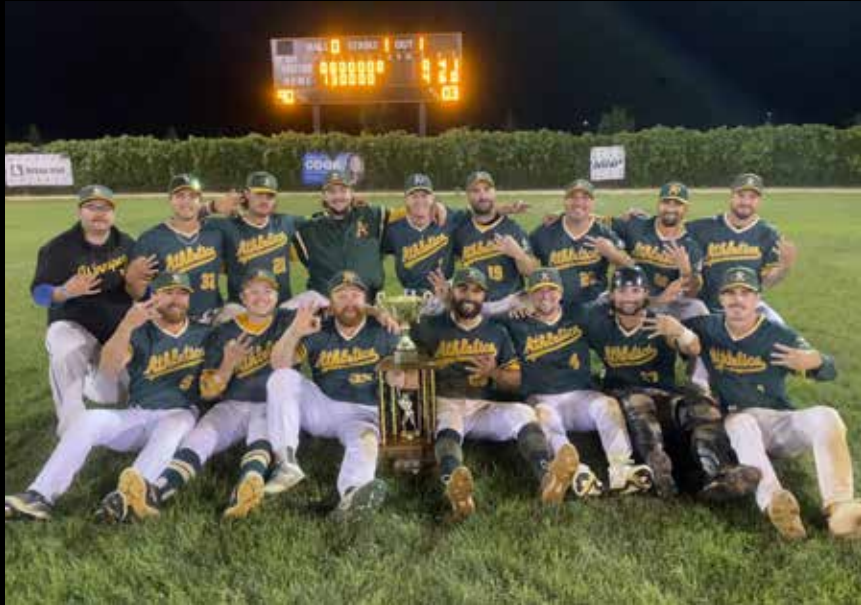
Starting in 2013, Baseball Manitoba divided the High Performance Team of the Year into two divisions -Minor, which is for 13U to 18U teams, and Major, which is for U21 and Senior teams.

HIGH PERFORMANCE TEAMS OF THE YEAR: MINOR

TEAM	YEAR	TEAM	YEAR
South Central (Pee Wee "AAA")	2013	Bonivital Blacksox (13U "AAA")	2019
Pembina Hills (Pee Wee "AAA")	2014	None due to COVID-19	2020
Winnipeg South (Midget "AAA")	2015	Winnipeg South Wolves (18U "AAA")	2021
Team Manitoba (16U Girls)	2016	Carillon Sultans (15U "AAA")	2022
Team Manitoba (17U Canada Summer Games)	2017	Pembina Hills (13U "AAA")	2023
Brandon Marlins (13U "AAA")	2018		

SENIOR WEST WINNIPEG A'S

2024 HIGH PERFORMANCE TEAM OF THE YEAR: MAJOR



- Went 4-1 in Senior Provincials and won the Championship, outscoring opponents 50-19
- Went 5-1 in WSBL playoffs, sweeping Elmwood in the final to be crowned WSBL Champions
- Went 4-1 at the 2024 Senior Western Championships, finished as first seed at 3-1 in the round robin and beat host BC for the Championship (the team had an overall record of 29-7 (.806 win pct.)

HIGH PERFORMANCE TEAMS OF THE YEAR: MAJOR

TEAM	YEAR
Pembina Valley Orioles 21U (Junior "AAA")	2013
Elmwood Giants 21U (Junior "AAA")	2014
Baldur Regal (Senior "AA")	2015
Wawanesa Brewers (Senior "AA")	2016
St. James A's (Junior "AAA")	2017
Morden Mohawks (Senior)	2018
Elmwood Giants (Junior)	2019
None due to COVID-19	2020
Elmwood Giants (Junior "AAA")	2021
Elmwood Giants (22U)	2022
Elmwood Giants (22U)	2023



HONOUR SOCIETY

Each year at the Annual Awards Ceremony, Baseball Manitoba takes time to recognize those individuals who have paved the way, and have spent their lifetimes involved in baseball as either a builder, player or official. These honourees are very valuable to our sport and it is their countless efforts and dedication that keep baseball moving forward.

2024 INDUCTEES

- Dale McKinnon (Deloraine)
- Tom Yandeau (Plumas)
- Nicole Madsen (Hamiota)
- Peter Perreault (Russell)

MEMBER (CITY)	YEAR	MEMBER (CITY)	YEAR
Cliff Cory* (Virden)	1970	Garth Seafoot (Carroll)	1986
Alex Turk* (Winnipeg)		Glennis Scott (Minnedosa)	
Louis Molgat* (Ste. Rose)		Steve Clark* (Brandon)	
Cecil Murray* (Lyleton)		Gladwyn Scott (Warren)	1987
Curly Haas* (Winnipeg)	1971	Almer McKerlie (Miami)	
Fred Parnell* (Winnipeg)		Jim Mutcheson* (Morden)	
Ab Richardson* (Brandon)		Lloyd Orchard* (Miami)	
Hub Orchard* (Miami)	1972	Maurice Meyers* (Wawanesa)	1988
Bob Wilson* (Grandview)		Al Robertson (Hamiota)	
Scotty Oliver (Winnipeg)		Dr. Gordon Bonar* (Deloraine)	
Clark Simpson* (Winnipeg)		Joe Wiwchar (Morden)	1989
William White (Winnipeg)	1973	Lloyd Brown (Brandon)	
Ernie O'Dowda* (Winnipeg)		Cliff Seafoot* (Carroll)	
Al Seymour* (Winnipeg)	1974	Murray Zuk (Souris)	1990
Len Gzebb* (Winnipeg)		Stan Oleson (Glenboro)	
Lorne Caldwell* (Hamiota)		Bob Dobbelaere (Cartwright)	
Sam Burns* (Winnipeg)		Roy Cuthill* (Welwyn)	
Sam Tascona* (Winnipeg)	1976	Walter Proutt (Winnipeg)	
Bob Brown (Winnipeg)		Joe Sandryk* (Winnipeg)	
Dick Campbell* (Boissevain)		Bob Wasslyn (Winnipeg)	
Gerry Couthard* (Pilot Mound)		No inductee	1991
Bill Stephen (Winnipeg)	1977	John Parobec* (Angusville)	1992
E.C. "Kay" MacKelm		Andy Alexiuk (Winnipeg)	1993
Don Sumner* (Brandon)		Tom Town (Brandon)	
William Neville* (Binscarth)	1978	Graeme Shaw* (Cardale)	
Monty Montague* (Rivers)		Bill Kirkup (Souris)	
J.C. Chuck Winram* (Pilot Mound)		Bill Carpenter* (Libau)	1994
Gayton Labossiere (Rivers)	1979	Ian Lowe* (Bradwardine)	
George Robertson* (Hamiota)	1980	Red Sangster* (Thompson)	
Claude T. Gagnon (Lac du Bonnet)		Don Hunter (Souris)	
Bobby Bend* (Stonewall)	1981	Don Breen (Winnipeg)	
Mike Makowski* (Teulon)		Tom Thompson (Winnipeg)	
Ian Lobban* (Hamiota)		Daryl Steen* (Winnipeg)	1995
Gerry MacKay (Brandon)	1982	Ross Kinley* (Winnipeg)	
Terry Hind* (Winnipeg)		Maurice Kohut* (Winnipeg)	
Joe Pethybridge* (Carman)	1983	Irv Powers (Brandon)	1996
George Leduchowski (Teulon)		Ray Simms* (Brandon)	
Andy Newton* (Dauphin)		Roy Seidler (Giroux)	
Lorne Lilley* (Brandon)	1984	Ollie Schroeder (Winnipeg)	
Jake Epps (Winnipeg)		Walter Mueller (Manitou)	
Jack Thompson* (Winnipeg)			

MEMBER (CITY)	YEAR	MEMBER (CITY)	YEAR
David Boileau* (Vassar)	1997	Ron Ramsey (Hamiota)	2012
Henry Constant (Winnipeg)		Ross Tycoles (Reston)	
Don Duncan (Winnipeg)		Gerry Falk (Carman)	2013
Alex Campbell (Brandon)	1998	Ray Mutcherson (Morden)	
Jake Sanheim (Elkhorn)		Larry Nicholls (Killarney)	
David Olsen (Winnipeg)	1999	Curtis Smith (Lorette)	
Gord Leduchowski (Riverton)		Dino Garroni (Winnipeg)	2014
Gord Fines (Stonewall)		Paul Lagimodiere (Winnipeg)	
Grant Norman (Winnipeg)	2000	Eugene Letkeman (Altona)	
Bob Jones (Winnipeg)		Bob Shipley* (Winnipeg)	2015
Dean Danforth (Winnipeg)	2001	Mike Labossiere (Brandon)	
Art Essery (Stonewall)		Perry Kalynyuk* (Virden)	
Walter Hillhorst (Killarney)		Mike Anderson (Winnipeg)	2016
Harry Lalonde* (Glenboro)		Mo Gervais (Winnipeg)	
Ray Walker (Plumas)		Rodger Sheldon (Ste. Rose)	
Bev Fisher* (Winnipeg)	2002	Patti Hacualt (Bruxelles)	2017
Ted Nowicki* (Winnipeg)		Brian Hodgson (Winnipeg)	
Garth White (Neepawa)		Mike Johnson (Baldur)	
Barry Wowk (Brandon)		Marvin Mills (Boissevain)	
Wally Walker (Plumas)	2003	Gerald Palidwor (Dugald)	2018
Bill Smigelski* (Dauphin)		Gerry Ouellete (Winnipeg)	
Duane Boutang (Winnipeg)		Ron Shewchuk (Minnedosa)	
Ron Jaremy (Ste. Rose)		Ken Sharpe (Minnedosa)	2019
Al Kinley (Winnipeg)		Bob Alm (Dauphin)	
Gary Crellin* (Winnipeg)	2004	Faron Asham (Brandon)	
Brian Smitten (Winnipeg)		No inductees	2020
Linda Tomanek (Winnipeg)		John Kroeker (Stonewall/Interlake)	2021
Gil Normandeau (La Broquerie)	2005	Fred Shipley (Interlake)	
Brian Savage* (Stonewall)		Gord Sawatzky (Altona)	
Jack Hrehirchuk (Dauphin)		Conley Kehler (Altona)	
Ed Shamray* (Oak River)	2006	Kristal Benton (St. James)	
Sam Katayama (Winnipeg)		Wes Penner (Winnipeg South)	
Larry Ausman* (Winnipeg)		Jack Reynolds (Brandon)	2022
Jim Giesbrecht (Morden)		Vic Fron* (Dauphin)	
Ken Prociw (Sandilands)	2007	Andy Boehm (Portage La Prairie)	
Allan Maxwell (Pilot Mound)		Neil Andrews* (Brandon)	
Orville Renwick (Melita)		Al Suggitt* (Red River Valley)	2023
Joe Scheiring* (St. James)	2008	Teri-Lynn Harms (Winnipeg South)	
Bob Boyce* (Winnipeg)		Curt Brandt (Blumenort)	
Rita Morton (Stonewall)		Morgan de Peña (Winnipeg South)	
Byron Morton* (Stonewall)			
Mervyn Sharpe (Minnedosa)	2009	* deceased	
Jack Kostiuik (Angusville)			
Bryan Hodgson (Winnipeg)	2010		
Ken St. Germain (Winnipeg)			
William Sidoryk* (Angusville)			
Winston Smith (Winnipeg)			
Murray Wiegand (Winnipeg)			
Ian Wise (Winnipeg)	2011		
Joe Raposo (Winnipeg)			
Don Krawsowski (Winnipeg)			
Ken Wiebe (Altona)			

DALE MCKINNON (DELORAINE)

2024 HONOUR SOCIETY INDUCTEE



- Was a member of the Deloraine Royals (1980-1985), a team that was an integral part of their town and contributed to the community in a number of ways.
- Received the 2007 Baseball Manitoba Grassroots Coach of the Year Award
- Was an excellent teacher of the game and possessed many of the skills that are desired in a coach, creating positive experiences for his athletes that went beyond competition

DAN COX (WINNIPEG)

2024 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



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- Has been the President of Red River Valley Baseball since 2016
- Has dedicated many years of volunteering in his community, resulting in RRVB's membership growing and succeeding at all levels
- In 2024 alone, he was the 13U "A" Zone 1 Provincials RRVB Representative, the 13U "AA" /15U "AA" Winnipeg Minor Playoffs Convener, the RRVB "A" Playoffs Convener and co-chair of RRVB's Wayne Tucker Tournament, and also found time to umpire over 10 games and coach his son's 15U "AA" RRVB Pioneers team

VOLUNTEER

Maurice Kohut (Winnipeg)
 Joe Wiwchar (Morden)
 Larry Nicholls (Killarney)
 Don Duncan (Winnipeg)
 Henri Constant (Winnipeg)
 Bill McKetiak (Miami)
 Maurice Meyers (Wawanesa) and Dick Campbell (Boissevain)
 Brandon World Youth Baseball Committee
 Gary Crellin (Winnipeg) and Guy Yerama (Winnipeg)
 George Leduchowski (Teulon)
 John Kroeker (Stonewall)
 Jerry Maryniuk (Niverville)
 Gladwyn Scott (Stonewall)
 Sam Katayama (St. James)
 Winston Smith (Winnipeg South)
 Maurice Kohut (St. James)
 Al MacDonnell (Thompson)
 Ken St. Germain (Winnipeg)
 Jake & Angie Spentz (Grunthal)

YEAR VOLUNTEER

1984 Faron Asham (Brandon)
 1985 Gord Selinger (Portage la Prairie)
 1986 John Matas (Winnipeg South)
 1987 Shelley Old (Brandon)
 1988 Al Kinley (Elmwood) and Tom Yandea (Plumas)
 1989 Conley Kehler (Altona)
 1990 Scott Johnston (Brandon)
 1991 Brad and Diana Drews (Lundar)
 1992 Patti Hacaull (Bruxelles)
 1992 Nicole Madsen (Hamiota)
 1993 Doug Quark (Winnipeg South)
 1993 Alex Grenier (Ile des Chenes)
 1994 Louis Cote (La Broquerie)
 1995 Kristal Benton (St. James)
 1996 Bobbi Bottle (Challenger)
 1997 Roger and Gail Langlais (North Winnipeg)
 1998 Lori Vassart (La Salle)
 1999 None due to COVID-19
 2000 Tony Staruch (Winnipeg South)
 2001 Stephen Ceslak (La Salle)
 2002 Louie Kulyk (Elmwood)

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MICHAEL CARLBERG (LA SALLE)

2024 DERRICK DUBELL YOUTH UMPIRE OF THE YEAR



- Has been an umpire in Winnipeg South for the past four years, and in the Winnipeg AAA Baseball Association for the past two years
- He has an excellent work ethic and friendly demeanor and is committed to helping younger umpires improve their skills through Baseball Manitoba's Umpire Mentorship Program
- He is currently a Level 2 umpire, but plans to progress into the High Performance Program within the next few years

YOUTH UMPIRES OF THE YEAR

UMPIRE

Aaron Tycoles (Reston)
 Ashton Liskie (Winnipeg)
 Benjamin Ericson (Killarney)
 Eric Ledoux (Winnipeg)
 Brenden Sommerhalder (Winnipeg)
 Sid Rashid (Morden)
 Devon Moore (Pilot Mound)
 Adam Barr (Brandon)
 ared Bruce (Balmoral)
 Roddy McLeod (Portage la Prairie)
 Quinn Thacker (Dauphin)
 None

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UMPIRE

Lane Reed (Winnipeg)
 Noah Letkeman (Altona)
 Rudy Neufeld (Lowe Farm)
 Will Hlady (Dauphin)
 Riley Nordman (Winnipeg)
 Carter Williamson (Dauphin)
 Ethan Holland (Winnipeg)
 Avery Smart (Brandon)
 None due to COVID-19
 Tyson Plett (Carillon)
 Nate Grant (Winnipeg)
 Nicholas Dolhy (East St Paul)

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EZEKIEL FEHR (WINNIPEG)

2024 RON SHEWCHUK HIGH PERFORMANCE UMPIRE OF THE YEAR



- He is currently a Level 4 umpire within St James and South Central
- He is highly dedicated to his craft, and is always motivated to learn, putting in long hours to improve his knowledge and routinely asks for feedback from both peers and supervisors
- In 2024, he worked in all three AAA Leagues, including two AAA Provincial Championships, the MJBL where he worked the Championship series, and was awarded the Gold Medal Plate at the 15U AA Western Championships in Winnipeg, and first base at the gold medal game of the 13U National Championships in Woodstock, Ontario

HIGH PERFORMANCE UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

UMPIRE

Blake Swedlo (Bonivital)
Josh Braaksma (Russell)

YEAR

2022
2023



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UMPIRES

MILES PARR (RUSSELL)

2024 LARRY NICHOLLS UMPIRE AWARD OF MERIT



- Started umpiring baseball in 1994 and officiated for Russell Minor Ball, the Mid-West region, and the MSBL, and umpired numerous games for the Yorkton Cardinals & Melville Millionaires during their time in the WCBL, and attended multiple National Championships
- He could always be counted on to be at the ball diamond, mentor a new umpire, or share his knowledge with a spectator
- Miles consistently represented the province with enthusiasm for the game, professionalism and that true Manitoba spirit

UMPIRE AWARD OF MERIT

UMPIRE

Gilles Taillon (Winnipeg)
Ron Shewchuk (Binscarth)
Percy Cassel & Walter Weremiuk (Winnipeg)
Garth Sararas (Hamiota)
Larry Nicholls (Killarney) & Merrill Kiliwnik (Binscarth)
Don Howard (Winnipeg)
Lloyd Orchard (Miami)
Brian Hodgson (Winnipeg)
Maurice Kohut (Winnipeg)
Sam Tascona (Winnipeg)
Bob Senff (Oak Lake)
Wilbert D. Funk (Altona)
Orville Renwick (Melita)
Bob Boyce (Winnipeg)
Stan Plewak (Grandview)
Alvin Semenek (Winnipeg)
Glenn Perrin (Killarney)
Emile Jacob (Ste. Rose)
David Whitehead (Winnipeg)

YEAR

1986 Bruce Potter (Pilot Mound)
1987 Vic Fron (Dauphin)
1988 Weldon Newton (Neepawa)
1989 Don Adamko (Woodlands)
1990 Bill Salyn (Brandon)
1991 Kevin Crouch (Winnipeg)
1992 Clarence Ledoux (Winnipeg)
1993 Wayne Rankin (Morden)
1994 John Unger (Grunthal)
1995 Jim Welwood (Oakbank)
1996 Peter Perreault (Russell)
1997 Kevin Kozielic (Winnipeg)
1998 Marty Flett (Ebb and Flow)
1999 Murray Lawrance (Steinbach)
2000 Kevin Le Lievre (Portage)
2001 None due to COVID-19
2002 Dave Ford (Winnipeg/Carillon)
2003 Ferlin Asham (Brandon)
2004 Pierre Bedard

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TOM YANDEAU (PLUMAS)

2024 HONOUR SOCIETY INDUCTEE



- Known as “Mr. Baseball” in his community of Plumas, Manitoba, and has provided countless volunteer hours over the years for the Midwest area
- He coached and administered youth baseball programs with dedication and enthusiasm
- He helped raise money for his community, including funding for equipment like a batting cage and pitching machine to further the development of Plumas’ athletes

NICOLE MADSEN (HAMIOTA)

2024 HONOUR SOCIETY INDUCTEE



- Was Baseball Manitoba’s VP of Sport Development for six years (2017-2023)
- She is a key volunteer within her community of Hamiota, and has provided steady efforts for the advancement of baseball in Hamiota for over 20 years
- She has taken on a great number of tasks associated with hosting Provincial Championships, ensuring the events run smoothly year after year

From 1984 to 1994 Baseball Manitoba selected a Player of the Year in two categories - Minor and Senior

PLAYER OF THE YEAR - Minor (13U to 18U)

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Scott Hendrickson (Brandon)	1984
Todd Dann (Morden)	1985
Terry Letkeman (Altona)	1986
Keith Carriere (Legion 141)	1987
Darryl Bruce (Boni-Vital)	1988
Andrew Halpenny (Interlake)	1989
Marty Murray (Oil Dome) and Troy Fortin (Interlake)	1990
Ryan Boguski (Dauphin)	1991
Troy Fortin (Interlake)	1992
Blaine Fortin (Interlake) and Derrick Jones (Oil Dome)	1993
Blaine Fortin (Interlake)	1994

PLAYER OF THE YEAR - Senior (Junior & Senior)

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Brian Reid (Carman Senior)	1984
Jeff Bouchard (Team Manitoba Junior)	1985
Darryl Ingram (St. James Junior)	1986
Shane Moffatt (Carman Senior)	1987
Terry Letkeman (Pembina Valley Junior)	1988
Jeff Robertson (Hamiota Senior)	1989
Kalam Paull (Elmwood Junior)	1990
Dale Hunter (Riverside Senior)	1991
Gord Paddock (Oak River Intermediate)	1992
Curtis Grieve (St. Boniface Junior)	1993
Scott Hlady (Brandon Cloverleafs Senior)	1994

In 1995, Baseball Manitoba instituted individual Player of the Year Awards for each age category from 13U to Senior to more equitably recognize the performances of the players.

In 2023, Baseball Manitoba introduced three new individual awards for female athletes, 14U Girls, 16U Girls, and Senior Women’s Player of the Year.

The this year’s winners and previous year’s recipients are listed on the following pages.



HAYDEN CECCHINI (WEST ST PAUL)

2024 CHALLENGER PLAYER OF THE YEAR



- Hayden consistently shows up to his games with a positive and energetic attitude
- He worked incredibly hard and improved tremendously over the past two seasons
- He is always ready and willing to lend a helping hand to his teammates and truly loves the game of baseball

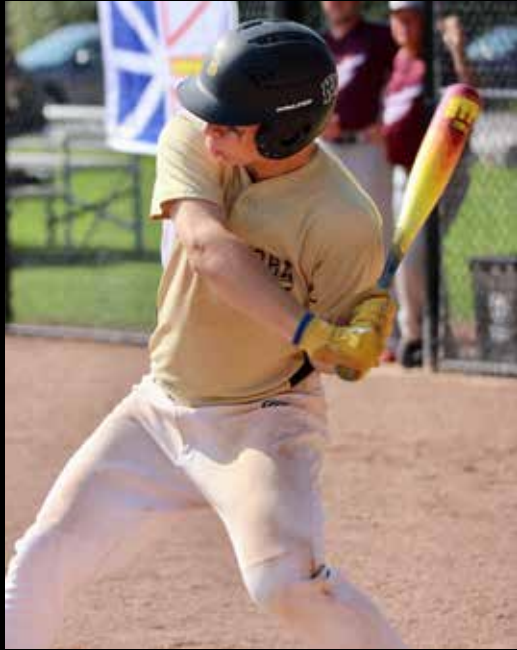
CHALLENGER PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Evania Dias-Rojas (St. James)	2016
Brett Hutton (Winnipeg South)	2017
Alyssa White (Winnipeg South)	2018
Brady Dzwinchuk (Winnipeg)	2019
None due to COVID-19	2020
None due to COVID-19	2021
Jaden Whitney (North Winnipeg)	2022
Jenny Kowalson (North Winnipeg)	2023



DONOVAN DIONNE (BONIVITAL)

2024 13U PLAYER OF THE YEAR



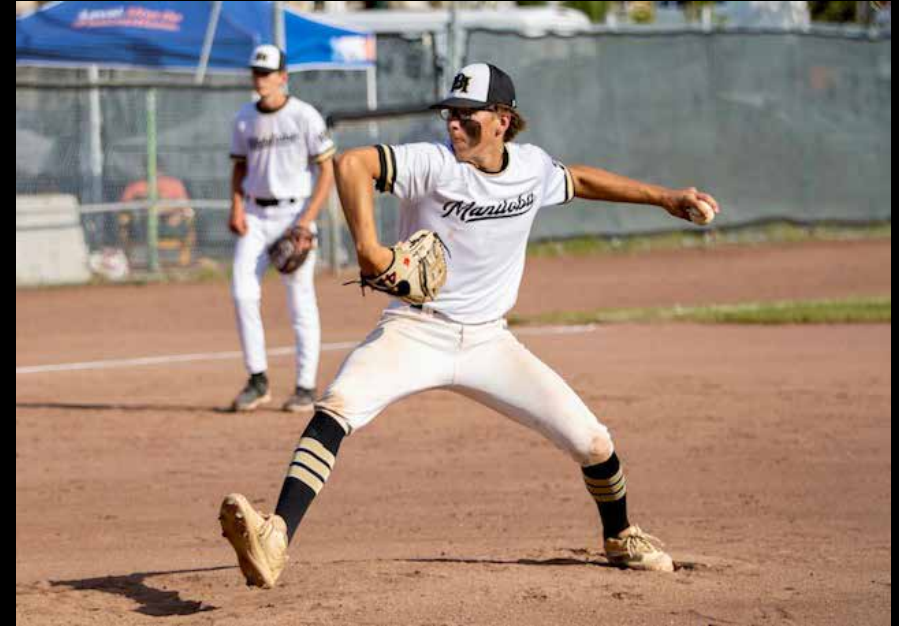
- Had a batting average of .623 and an E.R.A of 2.15 in the 2024 season
- He excelled on the mound and with speed and intelligence, and developed into an elite baserunner
- He was a member of the 13U AAA Bonivital Blacksox and the 13U Baseball Manitoba Provincial Team, and participated in the 2024 Manitoba Summer Games (on the Winnipeg Gold Team) and the 13U Western Canada Championships

13U PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

PLAYER	YEAR	PLAYER	YEAR
Ryan Dueck (Carillon)	1995	Marshal Burgess (Brandon)	2010
Ryan Haggarty (Midwest)	1996	Liam Lenton (Carillon)	2011
Tyler Boldt (Winnipeg South)	1997	Ian Briscoe (Bonivital)	2012
Derrus Gray (Oildome)	1998	Tristan Peters (South Central)	2013
Jeff Thomson (Carillon)	1999	Jordan Lussier (Bonivital)	2014
None	2000	Easton Grieve (St. James)	2015
Steven Kletke (South Central)	2001	Juni Song (Winnipeg South)	2016
Michael Mutcheson (South Central)	2002	Dillan Thiessen (South Central)	2017
Kurt Wallace (Brandon)	2003	Hugh Montgomery (Winnipeg)	2018
Brady Nichol (Int.) & Daniel Worb (Wpg S.)	2004	Luke Wagner (Bonivital)	2019
Paul Kraemer (Winnipeg South)	2005	None due to COVID-19	2020
Joel Edmundson (Brandon)	2006	Logan Patterson (Winnipeg South)	2021
Tanner Jago (Brandon)	2007	Riley Bullion (Winnipeg South)	2022
Madison Bowey (Winnipeg South)	2008	Will Mateychuk (Carillon)	2023
Jayce Hawryluk (Roblin)	2009		

SETH HOOPER (ST. ADOLPHE)

2024 15U PLAYER OF THE YEAR



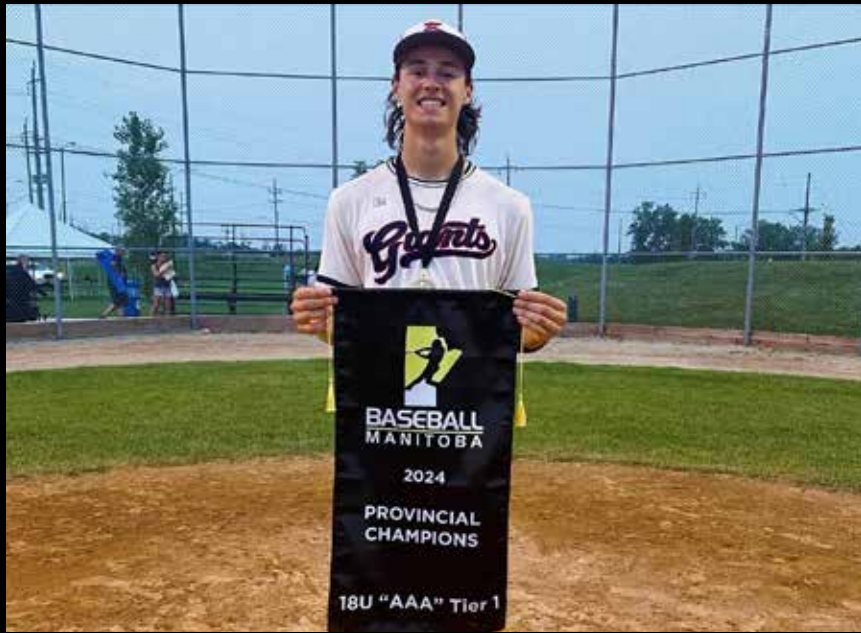
- Had a batting average of .429 and an E.R.A of 1.04 in the 2024 season
- He competed with passion and precision, and carried himself with a hard-working and humble attitude
- He was a member of the 15U AAA Carillon Sultans and the Baseball Manitoba 15U Provincial Team, and was picked up by Winnipeg South for the 2024 15U Western Championships

15U PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

PLAYER	YEAR	PLAYER	YEAR
Kevin Wilson (Norman-Parkland)	1995	Derrick Millar (Winnipeg South)	2010
Scott Kelman (St. James)	1996	Ben Onyshko (Winnipeg South)	2011
Manley Mackedenski (Midwest)	1997	Marshal Burgess (Brandon)	2012
Jayden Mikkelson (St. James)	1998	Jayden Bergen (South Central)	2013
JayDen Murray (Oildome)	1999	Victor Cerny (Bonivital)	2014
Jason Neufeld (Winnipeg South)	2000	Tristan Peters (South Central)	2015
Jon Lawrance (Carillon) and Jeff Thomson (Carillon)	2001	Isaiah Letkeman (South Central)	2016
Ryan McGorman (Midwest)	2002	Dawson Tanner (Carillon)	2017
Mitch Olson (Oildome)	2003	Juni Song (Winnipeg)	2018
Michael Mutcheson (South Central)	2004	Conor Geekie (Strathclair)	2019
Chris Perron (Winnipeg South)	2005	None due to COVID-19	2020
Daniel Worb (Winnipeg South)	2006	Jack Lussier (Bonivital)	2021
Paul Schaak (South Central)	2007	Nate Lodewyks (Winnipeg South)	2022
Dennis Millar (Winnipeg South)	2008	Logan Patterson (Winnipeg South)	2023
Chris Shaw (Winnipeg South)	2009		

LUCAS LYONS (WINNIPEG)

2024 18U PLAYER OF THE YEAR



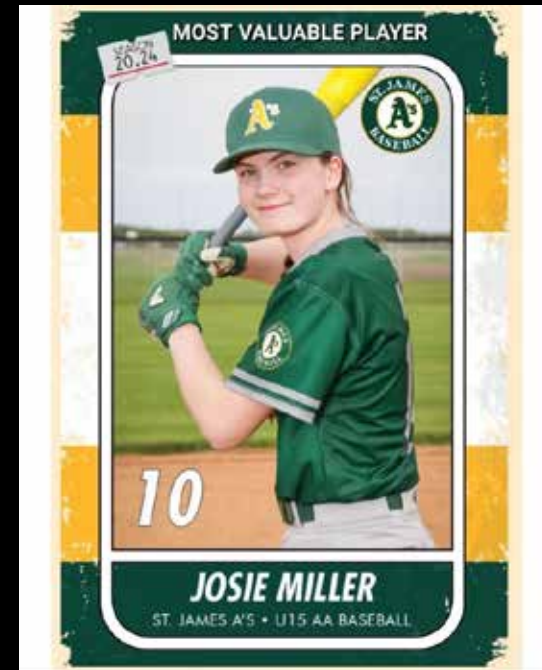
- Had a batting average of .442 (18U) and .361 (22U) and had a fielding percentage of .956, throwing multiple athletes out from centre field in the 2024 season
- He earned a respect on the field that was second to none and carried himself with a positive attitude which could be seen by everyone he played with and against
- He was a member of the 18U AAA Elmwood Giants and the 22U Elmwood Giants and competed at the 2024 18U AAA National Championships in St. John's

18U PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

PLAYER	YEAR	PLAYER	YEAR
Devin Helps (Carman)	1995	Chris Shaw (Winnipeg South)	2010
Matt Mutcheson (Carman)	1996	Zane Sawyer (Oildome)	2011
Scott Kelman (St. James)	1997	Matt Dunstone (Winnipeg South)	2012
Bryan White (Midwest) & Brendan Harz (Carillon)	1998	Troy Blad (Carillon)	2013
Manley Mackedenski (Midwest)	1999	Branden Hatley (South Central) & Nic Grenier (Carillon)	2014
Curtis Morrison (Brandon)	2000		
Ryan Friesen (South Central)	2001	Brady Moxham (Pembina Hills)	2015
Adam Kirk (Stonewall)	2002	Cody Bartel (Carillon)	2016
Greg Hockin (Midwest) & Matt Lepage (Carillon)	2003	John Patmore (Oildome)	2017
Matt Degagne (Brandon)	2004	Shayne Campbell (Winnipeg)	2018
Miles Johnson (Interlake)	2005	Joey Moffat (Portage)	2019
Mike Mutcheson (Morden)	2006	None Due to COVID-19	2020
Chris Norquay (North Winnipeg) & Zak Johnson (Interlake)	2007	Donavan Collier (Winnipeg South)	2021
		Tyson Vassart (Winnipeg South)	2022
Shane Seddon (Red River Valley)	2008	Karsten Peters (South Central)	2023
Bret Heselwood (Brandon)	2009		

JOSIE MILLER (HEADINGLEY)

2024 14U FEMALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



- Had a batting average of .340 in the 2024 regular season and .500 at the 2024 14U Western Championships in Spruce Grove, Alberta
- She had the unique ability to contribute at all defensive positions, primarily playing 1st and pitching, and had consistent power and great speed on the bases
- She was a member of the 15U AA St James Female Team, the Baseball Manitoba 14U and 16U Girls Provincial Teams, and participated in the 2024 Manitoba Summer Games (on the South 2 Team)

FEMALE PLAYERS OF THE YEAR*

PLAYER	YEAR
Jade Ledochowski (Interlake/Team Manitoba)	2014
Brittney Langlais (Garson/Team Manitoba) & Katie Heppner (Winkler/Team Manitoba)	2015
Katie Heppner (Winkler/Team Manitoba)	2016
Jamie Johnson (Arborg/Team Manitoba)	2017
Brittney Langlais (Garson/Team Manitoba)	2018
Brittney Langlais (Garson/Team Manitoba)	2019
None due to COVID-19	2020
Payton McNish (Midwest)	2021
Leah Peitsch (Charleswood/Tuxedo)	2022
14U GIRLS PLAYER OF THE YEAR	YEAR
Dayle Bettens (St Vital)	2023

*From 1995-2022, Baseball Manitoba awarded a Female Player of the Year Award. In 2023, Baseball Manitoba introduced three new individual awards for female athletes, 14U Girls, 16U Girls, and Senior Women's Player of the Year.

ALLY NEUFELD (BOISSEVAIN)

2024 16U FEMALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



- Had a batting average of .348 and an E.R.A of 3.12 in the 2024 season
- She led by example on and off the field, bringing out the best in her teammates as she competed at the 2024 16U Girls National Championships in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and the 2024 Senior Women's National Championships in Québec City, Québec
- Was a member of the 18U AA Brandon team, and the Baseball Manitoba 16U Girls and Senior Women's team

16U GIRLS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

PLAYER

Liberty Aime (Clandeboye)

YEAR

2023



JEWELL THOMPSON (MACGREGOR)

2024 SENIOR WOMEN'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR



- Had a batting average of .500 and an E.R.A of 3.50 in the 2024 season
- She is a valued and integral provincial team athlete and has dedicated countless hours to the Baseball Manitoba Girl's Baseball Program as a clinician
- She was a member of the 2024 Baseball Manitoba Senior team and competed at the Senior Women's Nationals in Québec City, Québec in 2024

SENIOR WOMEN'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR

PLAYER

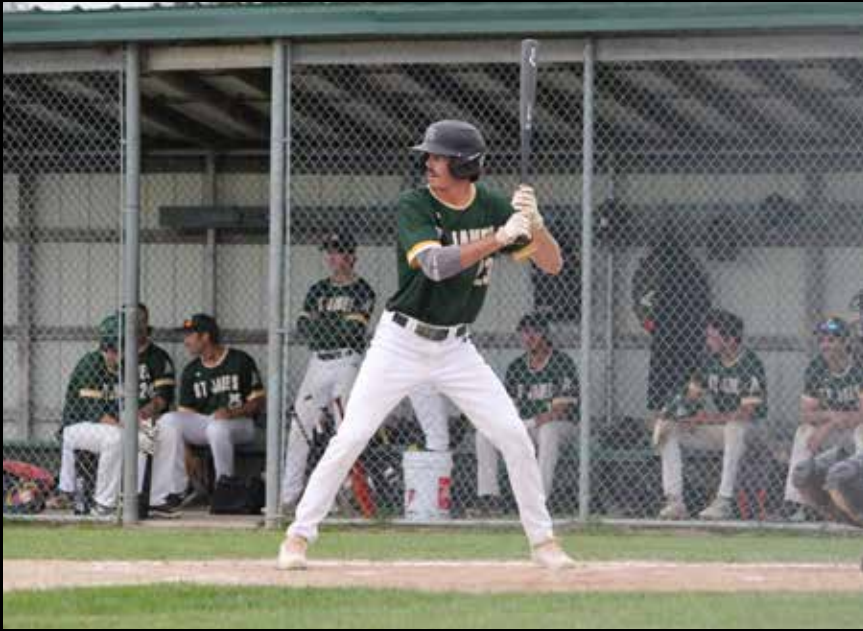
Zoe Hicks (Boissevain)

YEAR

2023

EASTON GRIEVE (ST JAMES)

2024 22U PLAYER OF THE YEAR



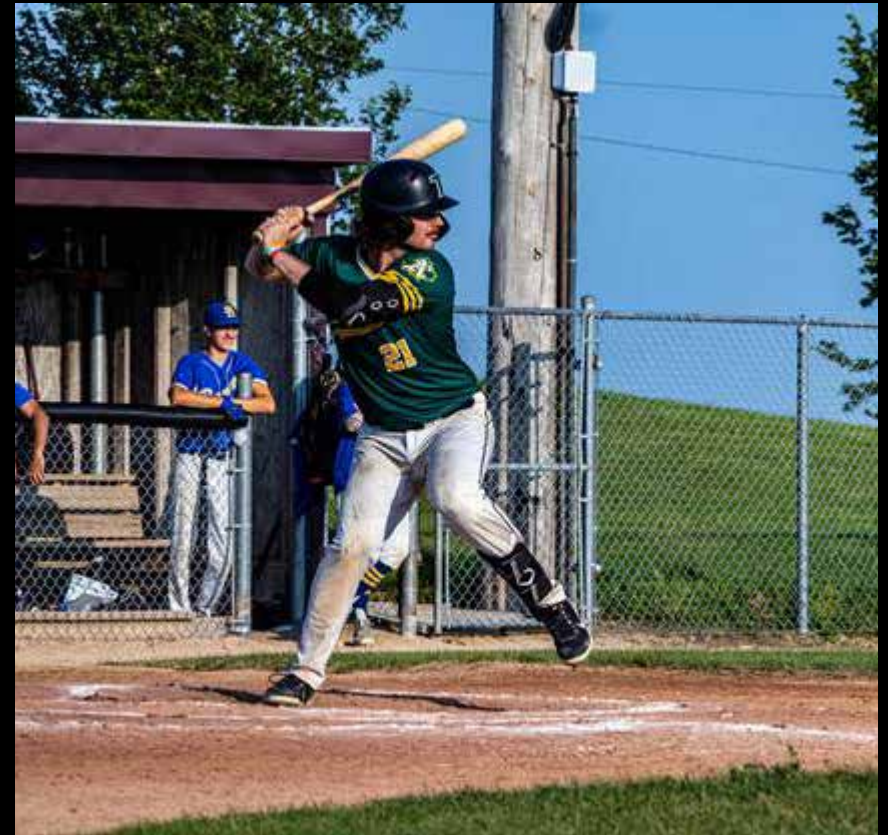
- Had a batting average of .500 and an E.R.A of 4.73 in the 2024 regular season
- He was a member of the St. James 22U team, the Elmwood 22U team, and the West Winnipeg A's Senior team in 2024
- He was a bronze medalist at the 2024 22U National Championships, a gold medalist at the 2024 22U Western Championships, and a 2024 League Champion at the Senior level, and was awarded the 2024 MJBL Batting Champion and Most Valuable Player awards

22U PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

PLAYER	YEAR	PLAYER	YEAR
Ryan Leroux (Elmwood)	1995	Anthony Friesen (Pembina Valley)	2010
Wade Forster (Pembina Valley)	1996	Angus Klassen (Altona)	2011
Devin Helps (Pembina Valley)	1997	Jamieson Krentz (Carillon)	2012
Wade Forster (Pembina Valley)	1998	Jamieson Krentz (Carillon)	2013
Lindsey Dahl (Carman)	1999	Brent Dunn (Pembina Valley)	2014
Jaret Valainis (Winnipeg South)	2000	Drake Pilat (Winnipeg South)	2015
Brendan Harz (Carillon)	2001	Colton Boudreau (Elmwood)	2016
Keith Clawson (Pembina Valley)	2002	Cole Armstrong (St. James)	2017
Aaron Hildebrandt (Altona)	2003	Nik Kauenhofen (Carillon)	2018
Steve Mullin (Pembina Valley)	2004	Tyler Wood (Elmwood)	2019
Drake Moslenko (Elmwood)	2005	None due to COVID-19	2020
Drake Moslenko (Elmwood)	2006	Tyler Smith (Elmwood)	2021
Kevin McNeill (Elmwood)	2007	Connor Cory (Wawanesa)	2022
Josh Voth (Altona)	2008	Easton Grieve (St. James)	2023
Evan Hardman (St. Boniface)	2009		

LOGAN WARKENTIN (DOMAIN)

2024 SENIOR MEN'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR



- Had a batting average of .361 and an E.R.A of 1.95 in the 2024 season
- He led his team with five homeruns over the course of the season, with two of those coming on the Sunday of the 2024 Western Canadian Championships
- In 2024, he was a Player/Coach of the 2024 West Winnipeg A's senior team, was the WSBL Vice President, and was called up by the Winnipeg Goldeyes as a short-term fill-in

SENIOR MEN'S PLAYERS OF THE YEAR*

PLAYER	YEAR
Colten Boudreau (Elmwood)	2019
None due to COVID-19	2020
None due to COVID-19	2021
Ty Enns (Cartwright)	2022
Mitch Olson (Deloraine)	2023

From 1993-2018, Baseball Manitoba awarded a Senior "AA" and a Senior "AAA" Player of the Year Award. In 2019, Baseball Manitoba introduced a single Senior Men's Player of the Year Award.

PETER PERREAU (RUSSELL)

2024 HONOUR SOCIETY INDUCTEE



- Pete has been a part of the Manitoba umpiring and baseball community for well over 30 years
- He has gone on to umpire countless games in local minor ball associations, including the Santa Clara league, the MSBL, and the WCBL
- As an official, he has attended a total of Nine Nationals in Quebec, Ontario, Alberta, and Manitoba. He is currently an active member of the Baseball Manitoba Umpire Committee and a Course Conductor.

The Region of the Year award reflects the efforts put forth by those volunteers who organize the minor ball in their regions. The criteria for Region of the Year includes, but is not limited to: participation numbers, hosting of coach and umpire clinics, participation in grassroots programs such as Rally Cap and the Grand Slam Jamboree, participation in Provincial Team Programs, and the performance of club and elite teams on the provincial, western and national stages.

REGIONS OF THE YEAR

TEAM	YEAR
Carillon	2001
South Central	2002
Brandon	2003
Interlake	2004
Brandon	2005
Red River Valley	2006
Parkland	2007
Winnipeg South	2008
St. James	2009
Pembina Hills	2010
South Central	2011
South Central	2012
Midwest	2013
Carillon	2014
Carillon	2015
Winnipeg South	2016
North Winnipeg	2017
Carillon	2018
Midwest	2019
None due to COVID-19	2020
Carillon	2021
Brandon	2022
Oildome	2023



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