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Sport Manitoba Awards Princess Royal Pan Am Scholarships to Voth and Snider

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**Winnipeg, MB** - Volleyball Athlete, Ashley Voth and National Badminton Team member, David Snider were selected by Sport Manitoba to receive the 2010 Princess Royal Pan Am Scholarships.

Presentations were made at Saturday nights U of M Bison Volleyball Game.

The Princess Royal Pan Am Scholarship Endowment Fund provides two annual scholarships of \$3000 each to a male and female high performance athlete enrolled in a post secondary institution in Manitoba. Selection is based on an athlete's sport and academic standing.

Voth is currently co-captain of the Bisons Womens Volleyball team where she plays left side/right side. She has been a member of Team Canada for the past three years. Voth was a member of the 2009 Canadian Team that qualified Canada for Worlds in 2010 in Japan.

While playing at the national and international level, she has maintained excellent academic marks, earning Academic All Canadian status the past two years as she pursues a Bachelor of Kinesiology degree. In her spare time, Voth volunteers with the younger volleyball teams as a leader and role model.

Voth will be putting the \$3000 scholarship towards achieving her academic and sporting goals. "This scholarship will enable me to focus on my academic goals, which are very important to me, and my athletic goals, for which I train year round."

David Snider is a Winnipeg-born Badminton player currently ranked as the leading mens single player nationally. His career highlights are many, here are just a few:

- \* 2010 National Championships Bronze medal
- \* 2009 Pan Am Championships Bronze medal
- \* 2009 US Open quarterfinalist
- \*Manitoba Sportswriter/Sportscasters Male Athlete of the Year Finalist in 2009

David's accomplishments have also brought him opportunities to live and train in many other places. He says he chooses to stay in Winnipeg, "because there is a lot of support from the

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community. I really believe that we have a lot of talent, and I would like to see more national caliber athletes stay in the province.”

David is working towards a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Manitoba. After he finishes competing, he would like to pursue sport medicine. In the meantime, in addition to athletics and academics, he volunteers by giving back to the Badminton sport community.

The Princess Royal Pan Am Scholarship was established as a legacy of the 1999 Pan American Games to provide financial support for Manitoba's high performance athletes while commemorating the Manitoba visit of Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal in 1999.

Sport Manitoba is a not for profit organization and the lead planning, programming and funding agency for the development of amateur sport in Manitoba. Sport Manitoba partners with over 100 organizations to deliver sport in our province and is responsible for programs including the Power Smart Manitoba Games, Coaching Manitoba, Team Manitoba, Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame and Museum and KidSport.

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