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Local athletes selected to represent Team Central at the 2010 Power Smart Winter Games

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Central Region – Only two months until the 2010 Power Smart Manitoba Provincial Games take place in Portage la Prairie! Qualifiers and tryouts for Team Central are complete for Male & Female Hockey, Male & Female Volleyball, Ringette, Badminton and 5-Pin Bowling.

Athletes representing Team Central include:

Male Hockey – Keaton Bachalo (Portage la Prairie), Jeremy Brooks (Portage la Prairie), Aaron Dupasquier (St. Claude), Mitchell Hansen (Headingley), Jeremy Hodgins (Portage la Prairie), Nathan Karlowsky (Brunkild), Tristan Keck (Morris), Codi Lashewicz (Oak Bluff), Jared Leiding (Morden), Corey Messner (Manitou), Derek Millar (Oak Bluff), Robin Park (Pilot Mound), Kienan Rodgers (MacGregor), Jayd Smith (Austin), Max Stewart (Marquette), Johl Swedlo (Portage la Prairie), Scott Wiebe (Portage la Prairie), Tommy Wieler (Morden), Nicholas Zajac (Headingley)

Female Hockey – Lindsay Blight (Portage la Prairie), Lindy Brunet (Morris), Chebri Enns (Altona), Stephanie Fehr (La Salle), Kristin Friesen (Morden), Maggie Girard (Cartier), Kristine Grenier (St. Leon), Callan Harland (Portage la Prairie), Chantal Hebert (Notre Dame de Lourdes), Natasha Kostenko (Fannystelle), Taylor McVannel (MacGregor), Courtney Nichol (Bagot), Jillene Rodgers (MacGregor), Jacey Schettler (Plumas), Caley Steinert (Emerson), Alyson Vercaigne (Gladstone), Kayleigh Wiens (Winkler)

Male Volleyball – Cody Durdle (Portage la Prairie), Tyler Ham (MacGregor), Michael Lavallee (Portage la Prairie), Jadyne Martens (Winkler), Cody Palmer (Portage la Prairie), Cody Reeves (Portage la Prairie), Blake Smith (Portage la Prairie), Daniel Sullivan (Portage la Prairie), Benjamin Woelk (Winkler), Brendan Yanchycki (Portage la Prairie)

Female Volleyball – Nicole Bergen (Elm Creek), Caitlyn Dyck (Oakville), Cassandra Garnham (Portage la Prairie), Jessica Gundrum (Swan Lake), Shaelyn Miller (Portage la Prairie), Tayte Neill (Portage la Prairie), Tyneille Neufeld (Portage la Prairie), Courtlyn Oswald (MacGregor), Melora Smoke (Portage la Prairie), Jessica Stewart (Portage la Prairie), Julianna Waldner (Altona)

Ringette – Brooke Allard (St. Francois Xavier), Melody Caron (La Salle), Kirsten Chale (Sanford), Robyn Fossay (Starbuck), Jenna Gilmore (St. Jean Baptiste), Jennifer Girard (Cartier), Holly Jones (La Salle), Lexi Morse (Starbuck), Lauren Morse (Starbuck), Alexandra Nychuk (Domain), Erin Pouteau (Sanford), Alexis Remillard (St. Joseph), Brianne Sabourin (St. Jean Baptiste), Karine Sabourin (Morris), Kristen Sabourin (St. Jean Baptiste), Jenna Sabourin (St. Jean Baptiste)

Badminton – Nicolas Brais (St. Joseph), Mallery Bryka (Graysville), Myriam Dampousse (Letellier), Tim Dunn (Carman), Brett Foley (Portage la Prairie), Sydney Hallick (Starbuck), Jack Heard (Carman), Cody Last (Carman), Melanie Marion (St. Jean Baptiste), Haley Nakonechny (Manitou), Rae Nakonechny (Manitou), Luc Payette (Rathwell), Owen Rohl (Oak Bluff), Ethan Rohl (Oak Bluff), Natalie Rossier (Notre Dame de Lourdes), Jordyn Wuerch (Starbuck)

5 Pin Bowling – Danielle Andreason (Portage la Prairie), Hayden Gates (Treherne)

The remaining sports will host their Central Region qualifiers on the following dates: Artistic Gymnastics – January 16, 2010 in Southport; Special Olympics 5 Pin Bowling – January 16, 2010 in Carman; Curling – January 15-17, 2010 in Morden; Figure Skating StarSkate – January 23, 2010 in Holland; Cross Country Ski – January 31, 2010 Ski Birch.

The Power Smart Manitoba Games are the province's largest ongoing multi-sport program bringing together participants from across the province. The Games are held every two years and alternate between summer and winter sports events. Each set of Games involve upwards of 10,000 athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers.

Participation in the Power Smart Manitoba Games begins with regional qualifying events. From the qualifiers, Team Central will send approximately 200 athletes, coaches, managers and mission staff to compete at the Provincial Finals in Portage La Prairie March 7 – 13, 2010.

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