

# Media Release

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## **Local athletes to represent Team Westman at the 2010 Power Smart Manitoba Games**

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Brandon, MB – The 2010 Power Smart Manitoba Winter Games will in Portage la Prairie before we know it! Qualifiers and tryouts for Team Westman are well underway to determine who will represent our region at the Games. To date, the following athletes have qualified for Team Westman:

*Five-Pin Bowling:* Ethan Buckman (Brandon), Brandon Mansell (Minnedosa), Shelby Mollard (Hamiota)

*Badminton:* Ashley Champion (Pipestone), Christ Elliott (Reston), Kelsey Elliott (Reston), Ryan Elliott (Pipestone), Krista Grieve (Viriden), Bryce Kyle (Elkhorn), Tanner Kyle (Elkhorn), Sonya Laroque (Viriden), Danielle McKinnon (Souris), Quinton Moorehead (Hamiota), Sarah Palson (Souris), Shandie Parobec (Souris), Kaelei Rink (Melita), Taylor Sanheim (Elkhorn), Travis Sanheim (Elkhorn), Alyssa Warnett (Souris). Coaches are Denny Quigley (Souris) and Amy Tycoles (Reston).

*Figure Skating:* Darian Compton (Brandon), Ally Doherty (Brandon), Kirsten Gutenberg (Brandon), Julie Hechler (Brandon), Marian Juce (Hamiota), Jennifer Lewarne (Cromer), Hannah Martin (Elkhorn), Taylor McMurdo (Brandon), Tori Thiessen (Brandon), Amy Todoruk (Neepawa), Elyssa Williamson (Strathclair)

*Male Hockey:* Ryan Baker (Brandon), Cody Cherepuschak (Brandon), Brady Chyzyk (Viriden), Daylon Creasy (Carberry), Jaxon Elmes (Brandon), Justin Holder (Brandon), Jordan Kaspick (Brandon), Sheldon Kowalchuk (Souris), Quintin Lisoway (Neepawa), Braden Pettinger (Elgin), Nolan Speiss (Neepawa), Carter Suski (Souris), Brandon Switzer (Brandon), Mark Tripp (Ninga), Tyrell Verboom (Minnedosa), Ty Webber (Brandon), Cameron Whyte (Viriden), Tyler Workman (Minto). Coaches are Mike Robertson (Viriden), Dale Lewis (Viriden), Brett Braybrook (Viriden) and the Manager is Pauline Robertson (Viriden).

*Female Volleyball:* Jamie Campbell (Brandon), Cassandra Cardy (Minnedosa), Emily Cullen (Brandon), Courtney Fines (Brandon), Kennedy Friesen (Brandon), Amy Gordon (Brandon), Jordan Hardy (Brandon), Jordan Heeney (Forrest), Sierra Lefebvre (Brandon), Charley Maxwell (Rivers), Tara van denHam (Brandon), Kristine Ward (Brandon). The coaches are Jeff Maxwell (Rivers), Greg Beckwith (Brandon) and the Manager is Barb Birch.

*Male Volleyball:* Eric Bolech (Brandon), Roman Clarke (Brandon), Seth Friesen (Brandon), Adam Klonowski (Brandon), Brandon Masson (Oak Lake), Brett Orr (Elkhorn), Rory Ponto (Brandon), Taylor Sanheim (Elkhorn), Travis Sanheim (Elkhorn), Cole Toder (Elkhorn), Zachary Whitecloud (Brandon). The coach is Chad Paradis (Brandon).

The remaining sports will host their Westman Region qualifiers on the following dates:

*Curling*: January 15 – 17 in Rivers  
*Figure Skating (StarSkate)*: January 16 in Neepawa  
*Gymnastics*: January 16 in Southport  
*Special Olympics Bowling*: January 16 in Brandon  
*Cross-Country Ski*: January 31 in Birch Ski Area

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

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.

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