

## **Women to Watch Grant Recipients**

(December 2007 to March 2008)



### **ATHLETES/TEAMS**

#### **Jamee George – Rugby**

Jamee comes from Brandon and has been selected to play for the U19 Canadian Rugby team that is heading on a tour to the UK. Her grant will assist in some of the costs for this tour.

#### **Shayla Heidinger – Speed Skating**

Shayla would like to gain a spot on the Junior National team and represent Canada at the 2009 Junior World Championships. To reach this new level Shayla has to buy new boots for her skates. Her boots will cost around \$1000 and this grant will assist in that purchase.

#### **Elise MacDonald – Speed Skating**

Elise would also like to compete at the Junior World Championships and to do that means more time on the long track ice. Since Winnipeg only has the outdoor ice for 2 to 3 months per year Elise must travel back and forth to Calgary to train on the indoor oval. This grant money will assist in her getting more ice time throughout the year.

#### **Junior and Senior Individual Rhythmic Gymnastic Athletes.**

The athletes attended the LA Lights International Invitational Competition in Culver City to compete against the best Rhythmic Gymnasts in the World. This competition was an opportunity to gain international experience and prepare for their upcoming competitive season including the Elite Canada/Group Nationals. The grant money will assist in some of their travel costs.

#### **Jaclyn Butterworth – Field Hockey**

Jaclyn has been named to both the indoor and outdoor national squads and has also been selected to the team competing at the first FISU World Championships in Johannesburg, South Africa. Jaclyn will be using her grant money for this international competition.

#### **Nicole Dubois – Cross Country Skiing**

Nicole competed at the Canada Summer Games in Whitehorse in 2007 and then was selected to represent Manitoba at the National Cross Country Ski Championship in Callaghan Valley, BC the site of the 2010 Olympics. She will be using her grant money to help fund this trip.

#### **Kelsey Reilly – Speed Skating**

Kelsey qualified for the long track speed skating championship in Ste. Foy, Quebec this year and skated to a personal best time. She placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the provincial mass start long track championship to qualify for this event. She will be using her grant money towards the national championship.

### **Morgan Cross – Basketball**

Morgan is a member of the juvenile women's provincial basketball team and also a member of the Junior Bison Elite basketball team. She was also a member of the Varsity girl's basketball team that won the AAAA Manitoba High School Championship. Morgan will be using her grant money to attend nationals.

### **Serena Bredin – Water Polo**

Serena is a member of the Canadian Women's Junior Water Polo team and a member of the Bushido Water Polo Club in Winnipeg. Her team competed at the World Junior Water Polo Championships in Porto, Portugal last summer. Her grant money will go towards funding travel costs.

### **COACHES**

All coaches and officials will be using their grant money for professional development opportunities and certification.

**Marilyn Thorington – Water Polo**

**Khadija Cutcher - Synchro Swimming**

**Dallas Vickell – Artistic Gymnastics**

**Lyndsay Houston – Artistic Gymnastics**

