

SWAC Media Report - March 9, 2025

SHSAA PROVINCIAL WRESTLING

SHSAA provincial championship was in Regina on March 8/9. Congratulations on the strong showing by our 16 SWAC athletes from Gull Lake and Swift Current Comprehensive High School. Thanks to Curtis Biem (Gull Lake coach) and Dan Marchand (Head coach SCCHS) for your dedication to the athletes and the sport.

SCCHS wrestlers, Sydney Ginter, Gabe Emperingham, Carter Stad, Jeremy Dickie Monforte, Quinton Hir, Kayel Pinsent and Rece Schindel, lost twice in the consolation rounds and did not advance.

Eric Shea, Clinton Asuzu, Dakota Hurl, and Rachel Cornelson all finished one match win out of the medal matches, placing 5th overall. Cade Banman finished in 6th place. All of these athletes wrestle for SCCHS.

Congratulations to the provincial medalists from the SouthWest. SCCHS's silver medalists were Talon Tumback (90kg) and Callie Ebner (56 kg). Ryley Bennett (SCCHS) won the bronze medal (73kg). Gull Lake's Levynn Toney came home with Bronze (80 kg). Wonderful results for the wrestlers!!!

SHSAA PROVINCIAL CURLING

Congrats to the Hazlet open doubles team and SCCHS mixed team, who were participating at SHSAA provincial curling championships this weekend.

Doubles high school curling provincials was held in Prince Albert. The Hazlet doubles team (Tessa Todd, Braden Baumann, Coach Tarryl Todd) lost their first match to Oxbow, but regrouped to beat Maidstone, Unity and PA St Mary 1. That moved Hazlet into the semifinal against Gladmar. It was a back and forth high scoring game with Gladmar coming out on top. Hazlet was relegated into the bronze medal game, where they lost (7-5) to PA St Mary 2. Braden and Tessa finished fourth in the province... an amazing accomplishment at the first ever high school doubles provincials.

The SCCHS mixed team (Shane Cornelson, Aryn Thibault, Troy Oakman, Emily Phan, Coach Ron Bailey/Jeff Chambers) played in Unity. They started with an opening round loss to Yorkton, then the dynamic foursome went on a winning streak. Swift Current beat Watson, Moose Jaw Central, Canora and Saskatoon Tommy Douglas on their way to the Gold medal game. The final was a match up against Yorkton, the same opponent that gave them a first round loss. The Colts/Ardens were not going to be denied a second opportunity to score a win. They defeated Yorkton Regional (5-3) to become SHSAA Provincial Mixed Curling gold medalists. Congratulations!!

SWAC SENIOR BASKETBALL LEAGUES

Shaunavon senior boys hosted Maple Creek for the SWAC league title on March 4.. Congratulations to Shaunavon on winning the SWAC boys league title defeating Maple Creek in the final 81-78. Top scorers for Shaunavon were Greyson Illerbrun 28 pts, Carson Smith 20 pts, and Grayson Arendt 19 pts. Maple Creek's top scorers were Aydan Buss 31 pts, Natowa Whitefish 14 pts, and Darrell Cuyugan 10 pts.

That same night, Herbert hosted Gull Lake in the consolation game. .Herbert won 63-43 over Gull Lake. Herbert's top scorers were Ty Dueck 28 pts and Llyod Packet 14 pts. Gull Lake's top scorers were Tavares Nelson 16 pts, and Tyden Johnson 8 pts.

Congratulations to the Maple Creek senior girls basketball team. The Maple Creek squad won the SWAC league championship at home, 71-26 over Shaunavon. Top Maple Creek scorers were Savannah Frey with

29 pts and Sierra Frey with 22 pts. Top Shaunavon scorers were Jolie Christensen and Carissa Smith both with 7 pts.

SHSAA PROVINCIAL BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

Road to HOOPLA started this weekend. Basketball teams take part in conference playoffs, and if they advance, they move on to the regional tournament. The ultimate goal is to advance from regionals to HOOPLA (Sask High School Provincial championship).

2A Gull Lake boys, 1A Frontier boys, 3A Shaunavon girls all had first round losses and were eliminated from their competitions.

1A Herbert boys hosted their conference tournament, they opened with an exciting 76-73 win over Frontier. In the consolation championship, they lost to Coronach (102-48), but Herbert will still advance to Regionals as the #2 seed from this conference.

Shaunavon was the host site of one of the SHSAA conference 3A boys tournaments. Maple Creek boys and Shaunavon boys advanced to the conference final. Shaunavon defeated Briercrest Christian Academy in the first round (95-71) and Maple Creek beat Moose Jaw Cornerstone in overtime (89-85) in their first game. The final was an all SWAC event and these two teams know each other very well. Shaunavon was not going to be denied a victory on their home court and they won the conference title (72-52) over Maple Creek. Both teams will advance to SHSAA regionals.

3A Maple Creek girls also had a successful conference weekend. They won over Eatonia (81-22) in the first round and then beat Rosetown (55-30) to claim the conference title. They advance to regionals as the #1 seed from this conference.

Good Luck to Herbert boys, Shaunavon boys and Maple Creek girls and boys at SHSAA regionals. The 5A SCCHS girls/boys and 1A Herbert girls will also play on regional weekend, March 14/15. Their classifications didn't have enough teams to warrant a conference tournament weekend.

BADMINTON

Junior and senior badminton practices have started. The sectional playoff picture is to be determined for both juniors and seniors. The number of junior and senior sectional host sites will be decided once school entry numbers are known. SWAC will possibly adjust the number of sectional tournaments to maximize competition numbers.

Junior sectionals will take place on April 12, Junior districts are May 3 (hosted at SCCHS). Senior sectionals are April 5, senior districts are April 12 (hosted at SCCHS), senior regionals are May 3 (hosted in Maple Creek) and senior provincials are May 10 in Estevan.

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It helps so much to get pictures during or immediately after competitions. Feel free to share pics to 306-295-7751 or tag SWACSports in your posts. Just indicate what team is involved and when/where it took place.