



## Media Release

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# Sask Sport Inc. Announces the November Athlete of the Month Award Recipient

**The Max Kirkpatrick Curling Team** of Swift Current is the recipient of the Sask Sport Inc. November Athlete of the Month Award. The team was nominated by CurlSask.

Kirkpatrick's curling squad won a gold medal at the Canadian Mixed Curling Championships, defeating the Northwest Territories 7-4 in the final. It was Saskatchewan's 10<sup>th</sup> gold medal, all-time at the event, tying the province with Alberta for first.

Thanks to the win, Kirkpatrick's team – also consisting of Jolene Campbell (Third), Chris Haichert (Second) and Tee Jay Haichert (Lead) – will be competing at the inaugural World Mixed Championships next September.

The other outstanding nominees for this month were:

- Kali Christ, Speed Skating, Regina – finished as the top Canadian female in the 1500m event at two ISU World Cup events. She is currently the second-fastest Canadian female long track speed skater in the 1000m and was the only one to qualify for two distances at the ISU World Cups.
- Shannon Comerford, Fencing, Saskatoon – competed in the Senior World Cup. She placed 84<sup>th</sup> in a field that included 148 participants and is a member of the Women's National Foil Team.
- Kelly Wiebe, Athletics, Swift Current – earned a silver medal at the Canadian Cross Country Championships in the senior men's 10km division. His club team won the senior men's gold medal, and he helped Canada to a seventh place finish (its best ever) at the International Chiba Ekiden – a mixed gender team endurance relay.

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For information regarding the Athlete of the Month Awards program, including previous nominees and recipients, visit [www.sasksport.sk.ca/awards.php](http://www.sasksport.sk.ca/awards.php)

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