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Sask Sport Inc. Announces the February Athlete of the Month Award Recipient

Brittany Hudak of Prince Albert is the recipient of the **Sask Sport Inc. February Athlete of the Month Award**. She was nominated by the Saskatchewan Wheelchair Sports Association.

At the International Paralympic Committee World Cup, Hudak won two gold medals (1 kilometre classic and 15 km classic), two silvers (5 km classic, 5 km freestyle) and one bronze (1 km freestyle). She followed this performance by winning three gold medals at the Canada Winter Games. She finished first in the 1.2 km classic, 2.5 km classic and five km classic. At the Canada Games, Hudak became the first ever para-athlete to compete in the able-bodied 4 x 3.5 km relay. She passed three skiers to move the team from 10th to seventh place. She was also the flag bearer for Team Saskatchewan at the closing ceremonies.

The other outstanding nominees for this month were:

- **Lucas Morin, Saskatoon, speed skating** – won a gold medal in the 1,500 metre at the Canada Games, also placing second in the 500m and third in the 5,000m and team pursuit. Had the top performance of all Team Saskatchewan speed skaters;
- **Bryce Martindale, Regina, judo** – had a perfect 3-0 record and won gold at an inter-provincial meet in Manitoba. Won silver with a 2-1 record at the Canada Winter Games;
- **Alison Schlichemeyer, Saskatoon, racquetball** – finished fifth at the National Team Selection Event #2;
- **Josh Bodnarchuk, Saskatoon, wrestling** – won a gold medal at both the CIS Championships and Canada West Championships. Was named Rookie of the Year at both events;
- **Joey Phillips, Kerrobert, Special Olympics** – won four gold medals at the Special Olympics Saskatchewan Provincial Winter Games (100m, 200m, 400m and 800m snowshoe);
- **Matthew Hudec, North Battleford, biathlon** – was the fourth ranked Canadian at the International Biathlon Cup. Won Saskatchewan's first gold medal of the Canada Winter Games in the junior men's 10 km sprint race and won a silver in team pursuit.

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