

## 2022 Sask Volleyball Award Winners

### Leo van Dam Service Award

*Those individuals who have made a special contribution to the sport of volleyball in a non-competitive capacity.*

**Darren Cannell** – It is evident that Darren cares a lot about the sport of volleyball and the people that play, officiate, and organize the sport! Darren’s list of accomplishments are impressive, and detailed below:

Local Organizing Committee court-side Medical Director World League Volleyball event 2016, Volleyball Canada representative at National Championships in Ottawa 2018, Edmonton 2018, Regina 2019, Ottawa 2022, and Edmonton 2022, JCVC club volleyball coach 2015-2016, Aurora Community soccer coach 2013-2015, Around the World Tour 2010-2011 (39 countries), Player-coach of Canadian Masters National Volleyball Team 2000-2001, Local Organizing Committee FIVB Women’s U20 World Championship 1999, Local Organizing Committee Labatt Pro Beach Tour Stop 1998, Provincial Wheelchair Basketball Athlete 1996-1999, Volleyball Canada Director 1995-1999, Sask Volleyball President 1995-1999, Club Director / Head Coach 1983-1993, Brock University volleyball athlete 1979-1982



### Marlene Hoffman Volunteer Award

*Intended for individual (s) who have donated their time and efforts to the promotion and development of volleyball within their local community*

**Kathy Peters** – Kathy has been an active volunteer in the sport of volleyball for the 8 last years. She has held several executive positions with the Queen City Volleyball Club with her most recent position as President. Upon entering her second term, running the club would take a drastic turn as the global pandemic affected how the sport of volleyball would operate. In charge of one of the largest clubs in Saskatchewan and facing facility shortage issues, Kathy worked night and day to secure a facility that could house three full sized volleyball courts so that athletes in Regina would have somewhere to train and enjoy the sport of volleyball. Kathy overcame many obstacles with the help of her executive but for the most part it was her determination and dedication to the sport of volleyball and the athletes themselves that opened the doors to operating our own facility. Kathy spent countless hours on the phone and handling emails, looking at locations, making arrangements, meetings with relators and businesses to secure equipment, flooring, and netting in order to find a suitable home for our athletes and other local teams in Regina to train.

Kathy continues to run the club now that her daughters have moved onto university. Kathy spends her time planning for each club season, developing programming for off season training and opportunities, recruiting new coaches, coordinating facility improvements and even spends time on maintenance in the facility. Kathy has gone above and beyond what any volunteer would even think of doing to ensure our athletes have a place to call home and train safely in the sport they love.

The 2023 season is starting off with more than 200 athletes making 17-19 teams, Kathy continues to move the club forward providing so many Regina youth the opportunity to play volleyball.



**Kevin Davis** – Kevin started his coaching career with the sport of soccer, when his daughter Erin was young. Then as the years passed Erin’s passion moved towards volleyball and Kevin started the Warman Volleyball Club and a 14U team. Kevin continued coaching Erin throughout the years until she graduated. Since that time, Kevin still continues to help run the club and coach a team each season.

In 2020, the Warman Volleyball Club amalgamated with Outer Limits from Martensville to form the Central Valley Volleyball Club. With Kevin’s guidance this club has grown to include 14 women’s teams and 2 men’s teams for the 2023 season.

Kevin also organized and played in the competitive and recreational adult league in Warman for a number of years. And also coached the Warman High Jr volleyball team for 6 seasons, retiring from that team in 2022.

His passion and dedication to the sport of volleyball in Warman and area doesn’t go unnoticed. The CVVC Board of Directors is proud to work with Kevin and look forward to what the future brings.



## **Dennis Pomeroy Referee of the Year Award**

**Nancy Wagar** – Nancy is a member of Sask Volleyball’s Referee Committee and has been a tremendous addition to the Prince Albert area for referee development. Her experience and leadership have really made a difference in the area.

Nancy is involved in conducting referee clinics to educate and prepare referees. She is very active and involved in Sask Volleyball and club events and was often called upon to be a referee for playoffs. In addition to reffing, Nancy mentors and develops new referees in her area, to ensure younger referees have the opportunity to develop and grow.

Thank you for your dedication to referee development!



## Referee Spirit of the Game Award

**Lisa Jardine** - Lisa is someone who totally embraces the fun and enthusiasm of the game, enabling the participants to totally enjoy the game regardless of the outcome. Her expertise is best suited for the 12, 13, 14 year old age groups; the most important time in an athlete's career to establish a love for the sport of volleyball.

She not only encourages the cheering, dancing and singing, you may even see her partaking!

This is a recognition of a referee's positive attitude, who loves the game, referees with her heart and makes the teams experience more fun, just by being there.

Lisa is the first recipient for this award and this is not an award given out annually.



## Coaching Awards

*The recipients of these awards shall be coaches that have made a special contribution as a coach to the development of the sport of volleyball:*

**Don Laing Male Developmental Coach of the Year – Greg Hansen** – Greg came to CVVC back in the Fall of 2019 after moving to Saskatchewan to join the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at the Jim Pattison Childrens Hospital. Greg has an extensive playing career including Canada West Rookie of the Year (1990); Three Time Canada West Allstar; National Team Volleyball Program "A" and "B" (1993 to 1995); SV Fellbach - 1. Bundesliga Germany - 1995 to 1996 (Pro) and Duerener TV - 1. Bundesliga Germany - 1997 to 1998 (Pro). Greg has also coached Britannia Junior High City Champions (Edmonton) 1996; Louis St. Laurent 4A Provincial Champions (Alberta) 1997 and Golden Bears Senior Mens National Silver (Canada) 1998. Greg was looking for a club to start up a 12UM program to get his 2 sons started on their volleyball journey and we were thrilled to have him join our program.

It had been a challenging couple of years getting the program up and running through COVID, but Greg stuck it out and was rewarded this past season with a Provincial Silver Medal. As well as coaching the men's development program, he has served as our CVVC Coaching Mentor. Congratulations Greg and thank you for all you have done to develop Volleyball in our community.



**Anne Cote Female Developmental Coach of the Year – Jay Magus** – Jay Magus is a true leader and role model for the development of volleyball in Saskatchewan. His leadership over the last number of years within the Huskie Volleyball Club has kept things running smoothly and at an elite level. The time and effort he puts in to developing young volleyball athletes and other coaches in Saskatchewan is unparalleled.

During the 2022 club volleyball season, he coached the HVC 14U Premier team to a gold medal at the 2022 provincial championships and then went on to lead his team to a gold medal at the 14U Nationals in Richmond, BC. His 14U team won all three 14U Sask Cups, and a Silver medal at the 15U Provincial Championships. During the 2022 season, Jay also coached the 18U HVC Premier team to a silver medal at Provincials and 11<sup>th</sup> place at Nationals. During the summer of 2022, Jay was an assistant coach with the U19 Team Canada Women’s program training in Calgary and then competing at the Pan Am U19 Championships in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

In his playing days, Jay played five years for the Huskie program, three years on the Men’s National team and competed at two World Student Games, one Pan Am Games and one World Cup. He has been an assistant coach with the Huskies, University of Calgary and McMaster University; head coach of Team Sask programs; and club teams in Ontario, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Jay has a wealth of experience playing and coaching, however his passion for the game of volleyball, his interest in the development of all athletes he coaches and the advocacy for these athletes is what makes him stand out! His ability to see the technical aspects of the game are second to none. His vision for high level competition and challenging his athletes in practices and in all fundamental areas of the game no matter their age makes him a true leader for volleyball within our province.

Jay coaches both his daughters, Sophia and Isabel and is always quick to thank his wife Erika for her support with his passion for volleyball and the time required for coaching.



*The recipients of these awards will be club coaches who have achieve notable success as a coach during the current year.*

**Frank Enns Male Performance Coach of the Year – Mike Burnett** – Although this was Mikes first year as a head coach in volleyball, he has been coaching his boys for years in both Hockey and Baseball. After playing High School volleyball in Carlyle, Mike red shirted for a year with the University of Regina Cougars but packed in his competitive volleyball career to concentrate on his studies and earn his engineering degree. Mike has always stayed active playing volleyball in Coed and Mens leagues in Saskatoon and Warman, but as soon as his sons were old enough, he got them involved in volleyball.

Mike had the good fortune to apprentice under Greg Hansen for a couple of years while coaching a couple of 14U teams and developing a good group of young athletes. He took the reins of the 16U mens team at the start of the 2021/22 Volleyball Season and coached this team to a Provincial Gold Medal in his first full year as a head coach, also the First Provincial title for CVVC. Mike also got to celebrate his provincial championship with his son Alex.

Mike currently volunteers on the Board of Directors for CVVC and heads up the entire Mens program while continuing to coach the 2023 16UM team. We celebrate Mikes achievements with him and look forward to more success in the future.



**Mark Tennant Female Performance Coach of the Year – Robyn Flaman** – Robyn is a great coach who led her team to an outstanding season. I understand that it has been 18 years since a Saskatchewan club team won a medal of any colour, for any age or gender, at the Division 1 Tier 1 level at National Championships, and Robyn led her team to a Bronze Medal at 16U Nationals helping to break that streak (along with HVC's 14U Premier team!). She is strong both with her team strategies on offense and defence, but also understands personal skill development and is constantly working with athletes on fine-tuning their technique!

Robyn's list of accomplishments in 2022 include:

16U National Championship Division 1 Tier 1 Bronze Medalist, 16U Provincial Champions, 16U Best of the West Silver Medalist, 18U Cougar Invitational Silver Medalist, 16U SaskCup #1 Gold Medalist, Through 2 SaskCups and Provincials her team only lost one match, Did not lose a set in Provincials, 5 of her athletes were selected to Team Sask that will compete in the 2022 Canada Cup, 2 of her athletes were selected for U19 National Team, Robyn was selected as Assistant Coach for 15U Team Sask that will compete in the 2022 Canada Cup.



## Academic and Athletic Excellence

*Presented to the provincial female and male athlete who best exemplifies athletic and academic achievements of excellence.*

**Darcey Busse Memorial Award –Keegan Colleaux** – Keegan defines the term "exceptional" in both the classroom and on the volleyball court. Keegan played his 18U club season with the HHVC Block Busters. As a setter he led his team to the most dangerous offence in the province. Keegan also did something this province possibly hasn't seen before. There were matches where he lined up as a middle blocker but was still the setter on the floor. His athleticism, knowledge of the game, and selflessness allowed his team to field four Team Saskatchewan outside hitters instead of him taking one of their spots in a "conventional offence". It is difficult to think of anything more challenging in the sport than to be a middle blocker and also be the setter. Keegan led the Block Busters to an undefeated season at the 18U men's level in the province. The team swept Sask Cup 1, Sask Cup 2, and Provincials to put their season in the history books. Keegan was one of the best setters at Club Nationals and helped HHVC finish 10th in the country.

Keegan was named to the Team Saskatchewan men's volleyball team this spring. Keegan ended his summer with a Canada Cup Gold and Canada Games Gold. Being a member of the Canada Summer Games men's volleyball champions will put him in the SVA history books forever. The last time Saskatchewan won the men's volleyball gold medal was in 1987.

Keegan is the definition of a student-athlete. His dedication in the classroom, along with his study habits, will serve him well for his entire post-secondary career. His commitment and pride in pursuing excellent grades are a testament to his character as a young man. Keegan is currently in his first year as a member of the University of Saskatchewan men's volleyball team and is in the College of Kinesiology. Congratulations Keegan!



**Marilyn Walter Memorial Award – Logan Reider** – Logan is a wonderful person, student, and athlete! I have not coached a more competitive person than Logan. She is extremely driven to succeed in the classroom and in the gym. I have not heard of any athlete ever participating in the same Canada Games in 2 sports, and Logan is on course to play basketball the first week, and volleyball the second week at this summer's Canada Games. Unbelievable achievement! I highly expect that she will be in the starting lineup for both Team Sasks!

Logan's list of accomplishments in 2022 include:

18U National Championships Division 1 Tier 1 – 11th place, 18U Provincial Silver Medalist, 18U Best of the West – 5th place, 18U Royal Rumble (Douglas College, BC) Bronze Medalist, 18U Colorado Crossroads Open Division Bronze Medalist, 18U Cougar Invitational Gold Medalist, 18U SaskCup #3 Silver Medalist, 18U Las Vegas Classic Open Division – 11th place, 18U SaskCup #1 Gold Medalist, 18U Huskie Invitational Gold Medalist, Selected to Team Sask Volleyball that will compete in the 2022 Canada Games in Niagara, ON, Also selected to Team Sask Basketball that will compete in the 2022 Canada Games in Niagara, ON, Chosen as Team Sask Basketball team captain, Committed to the University of Saskatchewan Women's Basketball Program, 94% average in grade 12 at St. Joseph High School in Saskatoon, SK, Will graduate with Great Distinction, Won 5A provincial silver medals in both volleyball and basketball for St. Joseph. Was team captain for both teams.



## **Athlete of the Year – Beach**

**Devyn Ethier** – Devyn has improved her beach volleyball skills immensely over the last 5 years. Her attitude, willingness to learn, and overall athleticism has made coaching her an absolute pleasure. Combined with her fierce determination to win and mental toughness, Devyn set goals and successfully achieved them. As a result of her consistent effort during the summer and off season, she achieved the goal of becoming a member of the Team Sask Summer Games team, as well as the Team Sask Canada Summer Games team.

We look forward to seeing how her beach volleyball skills will support her aspirations in indoor volleyball. Congratulations Devyn on this well deserved achievement!



## Greg Hatch Spirit of the Game Awards

*Presented to the province's male and female volleyball players who best exemplify team work, fair play, hard work and the love of the game.*

**Emma Frisky** – 14UW Rose Valley - Emma brings to our team a great deal of enthusiasm and positive energy. Emma understands what it takes to be a team player; she truly understands what it means to put the team ahead of her own personal goals. Emma celebrates in all her teammates successes and has led our team all season by being a positive cheerleader on the court and on the bench. One of the examples that stands out the most for me would be our final match at the U14W Provincial competition in Saskatoon. Our team had struggled through a few tough losses during provincial weekend and several of our players were visibly disappointed and frustrated with our performance. We showed up for our final match against a Warman team we had played multiple times in the season and were greeted with one of our favourite officials who simply stated we needed to remember that volleyball is fun and we should be having fun. Emma connected with the words of this official and her attitude became infectious for our players and coaches. She played hard and had the biggest smile on her face for those entire two sets! The second example that sticks out for me was when our team came up against the U14W Huskie Elite team in the gold medal match at SaskCup#1. The Huskie team was formidable, solid and not making any mistakes; our blocking was lacking and Emma was our six back player. The smile, laughs and expressions on her face when she returned a hard and solid hit were priceless; even the Huskies were delighted that she was able to return that hit. That entire match against the Huskies, Emma kept relishing in the fact that we did score a few points and she just loved playing against a team of that caliber. As she came back over to the bench after we lost the gold medal she said, “we need to play that team again. It’s the only way we will get better!”

At practices, Emma is always found helping set up and take down the nets. She is often the last to leave and always after every single practice thanks each of the coaches personally. She is never afraid to ask myself or other coaches what she can do to improve. She is fantastic at taking constructive criticism and using it to become a better person and player.

To capture all of the wonderful attributes of this player is so difficult because she leaves a positive impression on all she meets, plays with or plays against. As a high school teacher, I’ve had the opportunity to be around many young athletes and I can assure you this one is a real gem to coach. Emma is truly deserving of this award; she has a love for life, having fun and all sports!



**Kale Lemaigre** – 14UM Saskatoon JCVC - Kale Lemaigre's passion for volleyball was evident from the first time he stepped on the court for the JCVC U14 Volleyball Club. Kale travelled from Île-à-la-Crosse for weekly practices and tournaments showing his and his family's commitment and encouragement to play the game he loved.

Support extended well beyond the travel, as Kale's family were always quick to volunteer and help out at the tournaments. We look forward to seeing Kale's continued development in volleyball and hope to see him on the court again soon.



## **Athlete of the Year – Indoor**

**16U Female – Sara Gray** – Sara is an outstanding volleyball athlete. She would always start in position 4 to maximize her time in the front row and attacking balls. She provided her team 99 kills over the course of the National Championships! Once back row she has a great jump serve, and is lights-out on passing and defense. She has a very bright future in volleyball in terms of provincial teams, national teams, and post-secondary, but is also kind and humble on the court. She is one of the best 2006 age athletes in Canada evident by her tournament all-star recognition and her selection to the U19 National Team!

Sara's list of accomplishments in 2022 include:

16U National Championship Division 1 Tier 1 Bronze Medalist, 16U National Championships Tournament All-Star Team, 16U Provincial Champions, 16U Best of the West Silver Medalist, 16U Best of the West Tournament All-Star Team, 18U Cougar Invitational Silver Medalist, 16U SaskCup #1 Gold Medalist, Selected to Team Sask that will compete in the 2022 Canada Games in Niagara, ON, Selected to the U19 National Team (Team Canada!)





**16U Male –Daniel Hermanson** – Daniel Hermanson had a fantastic year with the Central Valley Volleyball Club's 16UM Sting. As one half of the team's formidable middle attack, Daniel was an unstoppable force that teams would try to key on, but could not handle his power combined with his extraordinary leaping ability. With the team being brand new, there were some early season growing pains as players learned systems and understood positions, as well, Daniel faced an early season setback as an injury limited his participation in Saskcup 1.

After taking time to heal, he worked his way back into the lineup for the PAVC tournament where the team took first place and Saskcup 2 where the team came in third. These tournaments gave Daniel the chance to find his rhythm before the team entered the Provincial tournament as the third ranked team. Daniel's powerful jump serves combined with his attacking and blocking helped lead the team to the Provincial Gold Medal. Daniel's calm, quiet and confident demeanor was a stabilizing force for the team, helping the team battle through adversity in multiple matches where the team needed to come from behind to win. Following his successful club season, Daniel was selected to the Team Sask Selects White team where he participated in the Canada Cup in Calgary.



**17U Female – Sophia Magus** – Sophia is a great setter! She uses her height and athletic abilities to quickly move the ball around the court to various attackers. More importantly, she is learning to make very good decisions on who to set when, changing tempos depending on the pass and attacker, and continues to work on speeding up of the offense. Despite being underage, she led the 18U HVC team against the best in North America through tournaments in Vegas, Denver, Vancouver, Calgary, and Edmonton with her volleyball and leadership abilities. She is a 6 rotation player with a great jump serve, strong blocking abilities, and sound defensive skills. Her skills were recognized via the Royal Rumble Tournament All-Star recognition, her early recruitment to the University of Saskatchewan, selection to the Saskatchewan Canada Games team, and her selection three times by the Women's National Team program (2021 NEP, 2022 U19 Team Canada, and 2022 NEP).

Sophia's list of accomplishments in 2022 include:

18U National Championships Division 1 Tier 1 – 11th place, 18U Provincial Silver Medalist, 18U Best of the West – 5th place, 18U Royal Rumble (Douglas College, BC) Bronze Medalist, 18U Colorado Crossroads Open Division Bronze Medalist, 18U Cougar Invitational Gold Medalist, 18U SaskCup #3 Silver Medalist, 18U Las Vegas Classic, Open Division – 11th place, 18U SaskCup #1 Gold Medalist, 18U Huskie Invitational Gold Medalist, 18U Royal Rumble Tournament All-Star Team, Selected to Team Sask that will compete in the 2022 Canada Games in Niagara, ON, Committed to the University of Saskatchewan Women's Volleyball Program, Selected to National Excellence Program (NEP) by Volleyball Canada for fall of 2021, Selected to NEP by Volleyball Canada for fall of 2022, Selected to the U19 National Team (Team Canada!)



**17U Male – Peyton Folk** - Peyton Folk is a very deserving recipient of the male 17U indoor player of the year award. He is an outstanding student athlete who combines athletic skill, intelligence, drive and intuitiveness to achieve great success.

Peyton's commitment and accomplishments in volleyball have been exceptional. He has played club volleyball with the Regina Volleyball club since 13U and made a positive impression on his coaches and teammates each year. On teams where he has always been one of the youngest players, it is Peyton who has emerged as a leader. This past 17U season, Peyton came to practices and games prepared and focused. He has a maturity beyond his years, and a competitive spirit. His positive attitude and personable nature are infectious – which is very much appreciated by his coaches and teammates. Peyton has a way of inspiring a team through his actions and did this numerous times during the season. He is a setter who is also one of the best hitters on the team. In fact, he has played setter, left side, right side, libero, and was even the team's emergency middle this past season. Truly an all-around player.

Peyton has also played on the provincial team the past two years, leading the team in court time as both a setter and left side hitter. He has played for his high school team each year, and captained the team to the city final this past season. Meanwhile in the classroom, he has maintained a very high academic average, making the school's honour roll each year.

Without exception, Peyton is a dedicated and responsible person in whatever endeavours he chooses to undertake. He has a quiet confidence and consistently positive attitude that make him instantly likeable, and a role model for others. His sportsmanship is exemplary and sets a positive example for both his teammates and his opponents. Consistently demonstrating the above traits has made Peyton one of the most impressive young people I have ever had the chance to coach. He is patient, modest and kind, while always striving to do his best, and look out for the best in others. As he graduates from high school and moves on to post-secondary studies, Peyton has a bright future ahead in both academics, and volleyball.



**18U Female – Abbey Klein** - Abbey was one of our strongest athletes this past season. Her commitment to personal growth in strength and conditioning paid off with her strong attacking and blocking. She often started in position 4 or 5 to maximize her time in the front row. She is very solid in the back row with a good jump serve and strong passing and defense! She helped lead the 18U HVC team against the best in North America through tournaments in Vegas, Denver, Vancouver, Calgary, and Edmonton with her volleyball and leadership abilities. She is a 6 rotation player that committed early to the University of Saskatchewan for the upcoming season!

Abbey's list of accomplishments in 2022 include:

18U National Championships Division 1 Tier 1 – 11th place, 18U Provincial Silver Medalist, 18U Best of the West – 5th place, 18U Royal Rumble (Douglas College, BC) Bronze Medalist, 18U Colorado Crossroads Open Division Bronze Medalist, 18U Cougar Invitational Gold Medalist, 18U SaskCup #3 Silver

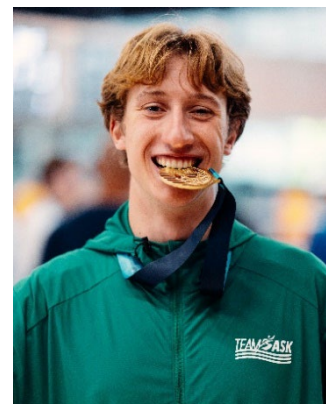
Medalist, 18U Las Vegas Classic Open Division – 11th place, 18U SaskCup #1 Gold Medalist, 18U Huskie Invitational Gold Medalist, Selected to Team Sask that will compete in the 2022 Canada Games in Niagara, ON, Committed to the University of Saskatchewan Women's Volleyball Program



**18U Male – Isaiah Mamer** – Isaiah is the exemplar for hard work, passion, dedication, commitment, and high-performance skill in an athlete. As someone who excels in any sport he plays, his 18U club season on the HHVC Block Busters was no exception. Isaiah routinely proved his dominant physicality and skill as he attacked around, through, and over many blocks in Saskatchewan last club season. He led the HHVC Block Busters to an undefeated season at the 18U men's level in the province. The team swept Sask Cup 1, Sask Cup 2, and Provincials to put their season in the history books. Isaiah led his club team to an eventual 10th place finish at Club Nationals in Edmonton.

Isaiah was named to the Team Saskatchewan men's volleyball team this spring. As a mainstay on the court, he was an integral part of Team Sask winning Gold at the Canada Cup in Calgary in July. Isaiah scored the match-winning kill vs. Alberta in a dominant showing in the final. Three weeks after the Canada Cup victory he was in Ontario at the Canada Games representing his province once again. His timely kills and blocks, coupled with his tenacious defense all throughout the tournament, proved he belongs with the best players in the country. Isaiah and his teammates toppled Manitoba in 5 sets in the quarter-final and swept Ontario in 3 sets in the semi-final. Saskatchewan's opponent in the final was none other than Alberta. Isaiah once again put the final point away with a thunderous cross-court kill, giving the Saskatchewan men's volleyball team its first Canada Games gold medal since 1987.

Isaiah is currently in his first season with the University of Saskatchewan men's volleyball team. I can't think of anyone more deserving for this award than Isaiah Mamer. His grade 12 season, and the summer that followed, serves as inspiration to the next generation of volleyball athletes in this province. Congratulations Isaiah!



**21U Female – Julia Howell-Bourner** – Julia has continued to improve and had become an impact player on the court.

Her desire, work ethic, and vision all combine to make her a force. I am very proud of the player she has become and she is the a deserving recipient of this award. Congratulations Julia!



**21U Male – Skyler Varga** – Skyler grew up in Muenster SK, where he was always around the gym either while his parents coached or his older siblings played. It was during these times he fell in love with volleyball and began to take every possible opportunity to play the game.

Skyler played club for Muenster Monsters before moving onto HHVC where he missed out on his 18U club year due to COVID. Despite the missed opportunity, Skyler continued to improve and in 2021/2022 joined the University of Saskatchewan Huskies. Here he started for the team and was selected to both the Canada West and Usports All-Rookie Teams. This season Skyler will be suiting up for Long Beach State University in California.

During his development, Skyler was a staple of Team Sask from the summer of 2018 until 2022 where he and his teammates won gold at the Canada Summer Games in Niagara. This came after a summer training and competing with the Volleyball Canada U23 National Team. Skyler is a unique talent, one that only comes around every so often. His size, athleticism and skill will open doors for him, but it is his love for the game and hunger to develop that will take him far in the sport.



## Saskatchewan Players on National Teams

### Junior Men's Team Summer 2022

Lucas Musschoot  
Noah Opseth

### U19 Youth Women's Red Practice Team

Sara Gray  
Gabrielle Flaman

### U23 Men's Team 2022

Dylan Mortensen  
Skyler Varga

### Senior Men's Team 2022

Derek Epp

### U19 Youth Women's Summer Travel Team

Sophia Magus  
Jay Magus Assistant Coach  
Tania Harrison Mentor Coach