

### **Zone IV Hockey League – Award Winners (2024-25 Season)**

The Zone IV High School Hockey League awards will be presented prior to Game 2 of the Championship Series. This series is scheduled to start on Monday, March 3.

#### ***Heavy Metal Designs MVP – Josh Hiebert (Carman Cougars)***

Josh, grade 12, is currently first in league scoring with 25 goals and 26 assists for a total of 51 points through 22 games. He is currently 11 points ahead of the next player in the standings with three games remaining in the season. Josh's ability to skate, finish on scoring, and set up other teammates makes him a threat every time he's on the ice. He's also very responsible in his own end, rarely on for a goal against as he leads our team in +/- with +43 this year. In the circle Josh has been hovering around 70% all season. Josh is relied upon in all situations for us, whether it be powerplay, penalty kill, or trying to get a goal/prevent a goal late in the game. When Josh is at his best, which has been constant this year, he gives us a chance to win every night. To finish, Josh has 7 of our 16 game winning goals which shows he's our game breaker and MVP for this season.

Runner Up: Simon Hiebert (NPC Nighthawks)

#### ***Top Scorer Award – Josh Hiebert (Carman Cougars)***

Josh finished the year with 53 points (26 goals and 27 assists) amassed over 24-game regular season.

Runner Up: Ryder Delaquis (Carman Cougars) – 43 points

#### ***Lew Mueller Defenseman of the Year – Sawyer Leite (Morden Thunder)***

Sawyer is somebody we have heavily relied on in all scenarios this season. Any time the game has been close, or in a situation like overtime, we have leaned on Sawyer to both shut down the other team's top players and contribute offensively. He is the league's leading scoring defenceman – currently has 23 points (6 goals, 17 assists) in 19 games as of Jan 29th, has been over a point a game, scored 2 game winning goals, and is an assistant captain on our team. Sawyer runs our powerplay and is the first guy out the door on the PK. He is a leader off the ice as well contributing to a positive atmosphere in the classroom and volunteering his time at I Love to Read Month and Christmas Cheer Board. In a season where we have been fortunate to have team success, Sawyer has had a major impact as an individual.

Runner Up: Brayden Cox (Carman Cougars)

### ***Lloyd C. Orchard Most Sportsmanlike Player – Grant Friesen (Carman Cougars)***

Grant, grade 11, is a key player on our team in all areas of the game. He has accumulated 22 goals and 16 assists for 38 points in 21 games this year, which is good for top three in the league. Along with his scoring ability, Grant plays the game hard, leading our team in hits with 148, which is 50 more than the next player on our team. He has done so while doing a great job staying out of the penalty box, only having eight minor penalties on the year. This shows that he plays the game the right way, physical but clean. Grant's 71% in the circle and a +30 in league play. Grant has been someone that the rest of the team looks to when the game is on the line many times this year and he has answered that call numerous times this season. Grant is relied on in all situations. He's a key member of our powerplay, penalty kill and is also relied upon late in a game when trying to hold a lead or finding a late goal.

Runner Up: Rhett Peters (GVC Zodiacs)

### ***Top Goaltender Award – Hayden Janzen (NPC Nighthawks)***

NPC is proud to nominate Hayden Janzen for Zone 4 Goaltender of the Year. Hayden's relentless work ethic and determination were evident throughout the season, whether in games or at practice. His drive to compete and continuously improve never wavered. As a Grade 12 player, Hayden exhibited exceptional leadership both on and off the ice, always giving his team a chance to win with his stellar performances. He is truly the backbone of the NPC Nighthawks. Facing an average of over 50 shots per game, with a high of 79 in one contest, Hayden is on track to face more than 1,000 shots this season, all while maintaining an impressive save percentage of over .900. His never-give-up attitude and commitment to excellence are unparalleled.

Runner Up: Ethan Ginter (GVC Zodiacs)

### ***Coaching Staff of the Year – Carman Cougars***

Runner Up: GVC Zodiacs

### ***Official of the Year – Shane Froebe***

This award is voted on by league coaching staffs around the Zone IV Hockey League. Shane, along with James Nelson and Connor Norrie (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in voting) have been invited to officiate the 2025 Zone IV Hockey All-Star Game, which will be played on March 13 (7:30 PM) in Notre Dame.

***Top Defensive Team – Morden Thunder***

Awarded to the team with the least goals against during the regular season. The Morden Thunder allowed an average of 1.03 goals against per game.

Runner Up: Carman Cougars (2.15 Goals Against/Game)

***Charlie Maykut Fair Play Award (Least Penalized Team) – Carman Cougars***

Awarded to the team that accumulates the least penalty minutes during the regular season. The Cougars averaged 6.6 penalty minutes per game.

Runner Up: Mountain Mustangs (8.3 penalty minutes per game).