

# 2024-25 Zone IV Major Award Nominees

(all nominees by award are listed alphabetically by last name)

## Heavy Metal Designs League MVP

### Dion Delichte—Mountain Mustangs

Dion Delichte is in his final year with the Mountain Mustangs and he will be very much missed on the blue line next year. He has been an amazing team leader this year to all his teammates and coaching staff. His never-ending positive energy and his "give 110%" work ethic at all times has made him a coach's dream! Dion has shown to be an opposition's nightmare as he possesses incredible foot speed and agility and his hockey IQ is second to none! Although he is not big in stature, he more than makes up for it in drive and heart. For all these reasons we nominate Dion for League MVP.

### Nolan Franz—W.C. Miller Aces

Nolan Franz has been the Aces MVP this season. He is a strong player, who plays an exceptional two-way game. Nolan has yet to miss a game this year, and has managed to pick up 16 points through 21 games, while accumulating 28 PIMS. He plays a heavy game, which helps in opening the ice up for his linemates, and is a relentless forechecker, hemming in the Defense's of each team across the league.

Of Nolan's 9 Goals this season, 3 of them have been game winners, and 2 have been game tying goals. He has shown up in big moments when his team needed him. He has led by example, and worked to help lift up his peers on and off the ice.

### 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.

### Simon Hiebert—NPC Nighthawks

The NPC Nighthawks are proud to nominate Simon Hiebert for League MVP. As our team captain and scoring leader, Simon has consistently demonstrated outstanding leadership both on and off the ice. Throughout the season, he has showcased not only his exceptional skill, but also his dedication to the game. Simon plays a pivotal role in every situation—whether it's 5-on-5, on the penalty kill, or on the power play. The attention he commands when he's on the ice is a testament to the constant threat he poses to opposing teams. For all these reasons, we nominate Simon Hiebert for League MVP.

### **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 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.

### **Ben Matthews-McCulley—PCI Trojans**

We nominate Ben Matthews-McCulley for this year's MVP award. As the team's points leader, Ben has demonstrated a level of skill and commitment that has not only been instrumental in our successes, but has also solidified his reputation as a leader both on and off the ice.

Ben's ability to excel in all areas of the game is truly remarkable. His offensive and defensive skills are second to none, showcasing his versatility and understanding of the game. He consistently contributes to the team's success with his impressive point tally, but it is his overall contribution to the game that makes him stand out. Whether it's scoring critical goals, setting up teammates, or making key defensive plays, Ben's hockey IQ shines through in every situation. What makes Ben's achievements even more impressive is the adversity we faced this season. Despite challenges, Ben's resilience has been unmatched. Rather than letting difficulties get the best of him, he used them as motivation to elevate his play and drive the team forward. His calm demeanor in the face of adversity has been an inspiration to his teammates, demonstrating maturity beyond his years.

Ben's leadership has also been a key factor in our success. Voted captain by the coaches, he has led with integrity, humility, and confidence. His leadership goes beyond the locker room, as he serves as a role model for his teammates, both on and off the ice. Whether it's offering encouragement after a tough shift or pushing the team to work harder in practice, Ben consistently sets the tone for what it means to be a true leader.

Ben Matthews-McCulley is more than deserving of this year's MVP award.

### **Bryce Neufeld—GVC Zodiacs**

Bryce is a humble, hardworking, two-way forward who hasn't played organized hockey in 2 years. With a current total of 11 goals and 9 assists accumulating for 20 points with only 10 penalty minutes. Bryce is a fast, skilled offensive forward, while also being a clean hard-hitting player. Logging over 60 minutes as a defenseman, and playing a game logging almost 40 minutes of ice due to a short bench from injuries. Anything we put him up to, he "nods his head yes" and says "yea im good to go". Bryce will never ask for anything from anyone, the definition of a true teammate

### **Brad Sloane—Pembina Tigers**

The Pembina Tigers nominate #9 Brad Sloane for League MVP. Brad is a hardworking, versatile, and determined individual that comes in clutch for the Tigers in all aspects of the game. He is on the first line power play, first line penalty kill, and with 28 points in just 18 games, is a solid offensive threat for the Tigers. Brad is incredibly versatile. He can slide into any position you give him and excel at it. He has played everywhere from defense, to winger, to centerman. Brad is also a leader both on and off the ice. He was voted as the captain of the team by his teammates, and for good reason. He is always striving to better not only himself but his teammates as well. He always has a positive attitude. Even after losing a close game, he will always work through what he or the Tigers can do better to prevail in the next matchup. For this, the Pembina Tigers nominate #9 Brad Sloane for league MVP.

### **Tyson Wiebe—Morris Mavericks**

Tyson's Wiebe has taken off for us this year and become a key part in leading our team in where we are today. He is also taken off to be a dominant force in zone 4 this year. At the time of write up he was third in the league in points with 12 goals and 23 assists for 35 points. He also only has 18 penalty minutes on the year.

## **Low Mueller Defenseman of the Year Award**

### **Brayden Cox—Carman Cougars**

Brayden, grade 12, has been a top defenseman in the league all year. He currently sits with 4 goals and 13 assists for a total of 17 points in 21 games. Along with that, he is +18 on the year for us and has done so while often playing with newer players on the team and APs. He's also had the difficult task of playing on his off hand for much of this season and he adapted to it quickly. Along with Brayden's solid two-way play, he also has the task of team captain for our team. He was voted to lead by his teammates and does a great job keeping the room under control. He has learned quickly when to lead by example and when something needs to be said in the room. Brayden is relied upon in all situations for our team, including powerplay, penalty kill, and holding a lead or chasing a late goal.

### **Dion Delichte—Mountain Mustangs**

Dion Delichte is in his final year with the Mountain Mustangs and he will be very much missed on the blue line next year. He has been an amazing team leader this year to all his teammates and coaching staff. His never-ending positive energy and his "give 110%" work ethic at all times has made him a coach's dream! Dion has shown to be an opposition's nightmare as he possesses incredible foot speed and agility and his hockey IQ is second to none! Although he is not big in stature, he more than makes up for it in drive and heart. For all these reasons we nominate Dion for Defenceman of the year.

### **Chase Holdnick—Morris Mavericks**

Chase is a dominating d-man with a competitive edge to win. Every time he is on the ice he can change the complexion of a shift. He is very offensively gifted and is very sound defensively. His smooth skating and great vision has led him to 3 goals and 17 assists. This has led to playing big minutes every game for us and all situations.

### **Owen Kristof—PCI Trojan**

We nominate Owen Kristof for the Best Defenceman Award. Owen's unwavering commitment, consistency, and tenacity have made him an indispensable player for the team, and his contributions on the blue line have been a cornerstone of our success this season.

From the first game to the last, Owen was a constant presence on defense, reliably anchoring the back end and providing a steadying influence in all situations. The team relied on him every game to defend against opposing threats and clear the zone with efficiency and tact. His ability to read the play, make timely decisions, and execute key defensive plays under pressure was crucial to our overall defensive structure.

What truly sets Owen apart is his relentless work ethic. Every shift, he brings 100% effort to the ice. Whether blocking shots, winning battles along the boards, or making key breakout passes, Owen consistently goes above and beyond to help the team succeed. His consistency in bringing this level of effort, game in and game out, has made him one of the hardest-working players on the team—and arguably the hardest-working player overall.

Owen's tenacity, combined with his defensive reliability, makes him one of our most valuable players. His ability to stay focused, deliver solid performances, and push through adversity has made him a backbone of our defensive corps. The team knew they could count on him to give it his all, every single time he stepped on the ice.

For his exceptional play, relentless effort, and invaluable consistency, Owen Kristof is fully deserving of the Best Defenseman Award.

### **Sawyer Leite –Morden Thunder**

In addition to the MVP write-up about Sawyer which all holds true in his defenseman of the year nomination. I can also add that his speed, agility on his skates, and shot have made him an elite defender as well as an offensive threat. He has really developed his ability to distribute the puck which has elevated his teammate's level of ultimately making us a better team.

### **Brady Peters—W.C. Miller Aces**

Brady Peters is the W.C. Miller Aces top defender for the '24-'25 season. Brady is a sound and strong defenseman, and a mainstay on our blueline. 5 on 5, or any special teams opportunity, Brady was tapped on the shoulder. Brady worked hard all year to become the best player he could, eating big minutes for the Aces, and time and time again, winning races to the puck, or clearing an attacker out of the crease, Brady was a key contributory defensively this season.

### **Blake Reimer--NPC Nighthawks**

At the beginning of the season we were in need of a defenseman, and without hesitation Blake volunteered to shift from his role as a winger to take on the challenge of defense. In his first year as a defenseman, Blake has truly impressed us with his skills and poise on the back end. He has quickly looked like a natural in the position. His defensive play, combined with his ability to rush the puck, has made a noticeable impact. Blake's speed and exceptional puck-handling are evident in all areas of the ice, particularly on the power play, where he thrives. His passion for shooting the puck adds another layer to his all-around game. For these reasons, we are proud to nominate Blake Reimer for Zone 4 Defenseman of the Year.

### **Mark Schefer—GVC Zodiacs**

Mark is a skilled, highly offensive defenseman, posting 16 points. Mark brings a strong presence rushing the puck from end to end. Mark is a highly positive team player. Mark is a player who doesn't take many penalty minutes and loves to have fun playing the game. Mark is a big part of our strong defense core on our team. Paired with his teammate Regan Froese, Mark becomes an elite force on the powerplay.

### **Rylan Wubbe—Pembina Tigers**

The Pembina Tigers nominate #19 Rylan Wubbe for Leagues top defenceman. Rylan is everything you look for in a defenseman. He is tall, strong, and quick thinking both in the offensive and defensive zones. Rylan quarterbacks both the Tigers powerplay unit and penalty kill. He is a man of few words, choosing instead to lead by example. There is never any concern in the defensive zone when Rylan is on the ice. Averaging close to 20 minutes per game with a +11 rating to back it, I think Rylan's actions speak for themselves. For this, the Pembina Tigers nominate #19 Rylan Wubbe for zone IV's defenseman of the year.

## **Lloyd C. Orchard Most Sportsmanlike Player Award**

### **Griffin Desrochers—Mountain Mustangs**

Griffin Desrochers is a first year Mustang from Notre-Dame de Lourdes who has been a beacon of sportsmanship all season long. Griffin loves to come to the rink with a positive attitude and always puts his team first. He plays a solid 2-way game and is always respectful towards teammates, coaches, referee's and opposing players. For all of these reasons and many more, we'd like to nominate Griffin for the most sportsmanlike award.

### **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.

### **Andrew Giesbrecht—W.C. Miller Aces**

Andrew Giesbrecht is a standout grade 10 defenseman, hailing from W.C. Miller Collegiate. He has a great deal of respect and care for the game, and works hard every time he touches the ice. Accumulating 6 points, and just 2 PIMS through 19 games played this year, Andrew has shown that he keeps his cool, and is a player worthy of receiving this award. The Aces relied heavily on Andrew, with the team often running 4D due to injuries, or absences. He played a lot of minutes, in every game this year, and was looked to in times of adversity as a guy to help his teammate or opponent up off the ice.

### **Tyler Huber—PCI Trojans**

We nominate Tyler Huber for the Most Sportsmanlike Award. Tyler has exemplified what it means to be a true competitor, always leading by example, maintaining an unwavering level of composure, and showing respect for the game, his teammates, and opponents alike.

One of Tyler's standout qualities this season has been his remarkable coachability. He consistently absorbed feedback, worked to improve, and was always open to learning. Whether it was adjusting his game to better suit team needs or taking on new roles, Tyler embraced every challenge with a positive attitude, always putting the team first.

Beyond his on-ice skills, Tyler's leadership—while low key—has been equally impactful. He's never one to demand attention, but his calm and steady presence in the locker room and on the bench has inspired those around him. In moments of crisis or high-pressure situations, Tyler remained composed and focused, providing a model of how to handle adversity with grace. His ability to stay level-headed in chaos not only kept him in control of his game but also helped guide the team through tense moments.

Tyler's discipline and poise were further highlighted by his play style. He played in every game and contributed to almost every special teams situation, yet remarkably, he managed to stay out of penalty trouble. His disciplined approach and ability to avoid unnecessary penalties made him a crucial asset to the team, as he consistently gave the team a chance to succeed without being a liability in critical moments.

For his excellent sportsmanship, unshakeable calm under pressure, and inspiring leadership through quiet example, Tyler Huber is a truly deserving candidate for the Most Sportsmanlike Award.

### **Memphis Klassen--NPC Nighthawks**

Memphis joined the Nighthawks as a late addition, and from day one, he demonstrated a willingness to take on any role the team needed. Whether shifting between defense and forward or adapting to different situations, he embraced each challenge with a positive attitude. Playing with a physical style of play, Memphis consistently competed hard and battled through every shift, all while maintaining discipline and avoiding trips to the penalty box. His exemplary character and sportsmanship make Memphis the perfect nominee for NPC's Most Sportsmanlike Player.

### **Owen Maynard—Morris Mavericks**

Owen has grown lots and became a big leader for our team this year. Playing all roles for us in all situations. This year he has become even more than we could ask for. He is one of the least penalized players with 4 minutes on a team that leads the league in penalty minutes. His leadership has been great and we have been proud to call him our captain.

### **Rhett Peters—GVC Zodiacs**

Rhett is a skilled hockey player, playing his first year as a forward he loves putting the puck in the back of the net. He has the highest points per penalty minutes in the league at 5.75 points per penalty minute. Sitting at 23 points and 4 penalty minutes.

### **Ryan Thiessen—Morden Thunder**

Ryan is the captain of the Morden Thunder and has consistently shown respect for his teammates, coaches, officials, and opponents. Ryan is always positive and leads with that type of energy. He contributes in all areas of the game, offense (13 goals 10 assists 23 points) and defense killing penalties and playing to protect leads. He plays those roles while rarely taking a penalty (only 8 minutes) and showing discipline in high intensity situations. Ryan's work ethic, effort, and consistent positive demeanor make him an excellent nominee for Most Sportsmanlike Player in Zone 4

### **Rylan Wubbe—Pembina Tigers**

The Pembina Tigers nominate #19 Rylan Wubbe for Leagues most sportsmanlike player. As he has already been nominated for the league's top defenceman there isn't much left to say about Rylan. He is tall, strong, and incredibly smart with the puck on the ice. He is a man of few words, choosing instead to speak through his actions. His actions speak loudly as he has accumulated only 6 penalty minutes through 18 games played. Adding a plus 11 rating to it, shows you that he can be offensive and defensively minded without drawing penalties. You will never hear him "chirp" somebody on the ice, and if someone is chirping him, he just smiles and continues with the game. He is a true leader and sportsman both on and off the ice. For this the Pembina Tigers nominate #19 Rylan Wubbe for the league's most sportsmanlike player.

## **Top Goaltender**

### **Zander Cox—Carman Cougars**

Zander, grade 12, has been rock solid in net for us this season. He currently sits with a 2.42 GAA and a .930 SV%. These numbers are both outstanding given his workload, often being our go to goalie for our matches against the top teams in the league. Another amazing stat for Zander is that in all his games played, he only has one game this season where he didn't get at least one point for the team. Zander has a great ability to make the primary and secondary save. He's also phenomenal at tracking pucks in tight. Zander's also a leader in our dressing room and is all about the team, whether he's playing or not. His competitive drive and determination night in and night out is a quality that has helped teach our younger players to bring their best effort consistently.

### **Jaxon Dubois—PCI Trojans**

It is with great honor that we nominate Jaxon Dubois for the Top Goaltending Award. Jaxon's relentless commitment to the team, unwavering work ethic, and determination have been key pillars of our success this season. His performance between the pipes has not only kept us in games that could otherwise have been a blow out, but has also inspired the entire team through his dedication and resilience.

Jaxon played hard every game, never once shying away from a challenge. He faced some of our toughest matchups of the season and was a constant in net, providing a steady and reliable presence even in the most difficult circumstances. Whether it was facing relentless offensive pressure or playing in high-stakes situations, Jaxon's ability to rise to the occasion and make crucial saves kept us in games time and time again.

Beyond his on-ice performance, Jaxon's leadership was evident off the ice as well. His relentless commitment to the team extended beyond the rink, where he worked closely with the administration and coaching staff to help keep the program afloat amidst early-season challenges. His drive to ensure the team's success, both on and off the ice, was a testament to his leadership and dedication.

Jaxon Dubois is more than deserving of the Top Goaltending Award.

### **Ethan Ginter—GVC Zodiacs**

Ethan posted a hair under a .900 save percentage. Ethan was in net for 9 of the teams 10 wins this season, facing over 500 shots this season playing over 900 minutes in net. With one OT win and a shootout where he brought the Zodiacs to a win in 14th round with only allowing 1 goal in 14 rounds.

### **Nolan Grenier—Mountain Mustangs**

Nolan Grenier is having a stellar season in goal for the Mountain Mustangs during his grade 12 year. He makes big saves at key times in games to give his team a chance to win. He has been a leader for the team both with his on-ice performance and constructive voice in the dressing room. For these reasons we nominate Nolan for Goalie of the year.

### **Easton Hildebrand—Morden Thunder**

Is our starting goalie and has been the consistent backbone of our team all year. He's had games where's had to make big saves and stop a lot of shots, and he's had games where he's had to make timely saves with limited action. Both present different types of challenges for a goalie, and Easton has excelled in all scenarios. He is well prepared, he works extremely hard, he is also a leader on our team as a grade 12 athlete, and without quality goaltending we wouldn't be in the position we are in at the end of the regular season. As of Jan 29th he leads the league in shutouts (5), wins (13), top 5 in minutes played (850), save percentage (.950) and goals against average (1.13) amongst the other goalies who have played similar amount of minutes.

### **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.

### **Sam Johnston—Morris Mavericks**

Sam has been a steady presence in the net for us this year. He has posted a 9-1-1 record with a 2.39 gaa with a .906 save percentage. He has played up for us in all the big games we've had so far with his one regulation loss coming two weeks before this write up on a back to back day starts.



**Aiden Rondeau—Pembina Tigers**

The Pembina Tigers Nominate #34 Aiden Rondeau for Zone IV's top goaltender. In 12 games played Aiden has accumulated a 6-3 record with a .925 save percentage on 372 shots. That's just over 41 shots per game! He is incredibly hard working and determined to give his teammates the best opportunity to win a game at all costs. Aiden has come in clutch for the tigers against some of the higher standing teams in the league time and time again. He makes saves that leave the opponents benches shaking their heads in disbelief and his own teammates ecstatic. There is no doubt in my mind that without Aiden between the pipes, the Tigers would not have been able to have the success that they've had this season. For that, The Pembina Tigers nominate #34 Aiden Rondeau for top goaltender.

**Christoph Vetter—W.C. Miller Aces**

Christoph Vetter is the Aces nomination for Goalie of the Year. In each of Christophs 10 starts he has worked hard to support his teammates, and give us a chance to win. Christoph faced on average 44 shots per game, and made many saves that he had no business corralling. A positive player through a season of adversity, and always worked to lift up his team.