



FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR 2020

Hailey Nason

The Female Athlete of the Year is awarded to two athletes who demonstrate teamwork and communication, excellent skills, sportsmanship, and respect. This year's recipients are Hailey Nason and Brooke Schriver.

Hailey, you are the face of our athletic program! You bring enthusiasm, determination, perseverance, and talent to our sports. Watching you practice and play is motivational for all young aspiring athletes. During the soccer, basketball, and volleyball seasons, you worked very closely with your teammates and actively inspired and encouraged them to work hard. You proffered suggestions to challenge them to improve their game and supported them with your positive words and outlook. Unselfishly, you put the team ahead of yourself which helped to make other players better.

Over the years Hailey, you have consistently attended sports camps during the summer months and throughout the school year to improve your skills. It is wonderful watching you in action as you try to integrate your new ball handling skills and moves in a game after numerous hours of practice. That is growth! Witnessing you soar down the soccer field or basketball court or fly across the volleyball court is a thing of beauty. Whether it is diving for a birdie or kicking your way through the air on the long jump, determination is written across your face. You are made for sports! You will persevere until there is nothing left then open your reserve tank and bring it on again. Hallelujah!

Hailey, you are a sportsman, fair and square. If a player is down, you will help her up. The extension of your hand reflects who you are first and foremost – a sportsman. You will even compliment an opponent because you recognize talent and because you are a sportsman. You always give your best effort, play fair, accept the officials' calls, take pride in winning without bragging, and are a good loser. As a true sportsman, you have learned about self-control and how it can mold you for the future to be a mature and responsible adult.

Respect has always been a part of your vocabulary, Hailey. You are considerate of your teammates, opposing players, coaches, and the referees. For you, sports are truly inviting and enjoyable when the competition is clean and fun. Respect spills into many domains; it is shared between athletics, academics, and the real world. Hailey, you show respect for your teachers and have put forth real effort in your academics as well. Like a mountain, your character is being chiseled and framed by the degree of respect that you are building in all parts of your world.

Thank you for committing to Nackawic Middle School athletics, Hailey. We are better for your contribution and our many banners. Continue to dig deep, play fair, and soar!

The harder the battle, the sweeter the victory. – Les Brown

