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

Graeme Fish of Moose Jaw is the recipient of the **Sask Sport Inc. December Athlete of the Month Award**. He was nominated by the Saskatchewan Amateur Speed Skating Association.

He won a bronze medal in the 10,000 metre race at the International Skating Union (ISU) World Cup 1 in Poland. Fish was faster than 20 of the top distance skaters in the world, including Ted-Jan Bloemen, the current world record holder and Olympic Champion in that distance. At the ISU World Cup 2 in the Netherlands, Fish placed 15th in the 5,000m race, finishing 0.2 seconds off his personal best time.

Fish is a member of Speed Skating Canada's National Development Team where he's training in Calgary at the Olympic Oval.

The other outstanding nominee was:

Michael McGillivray, Regina, Swimming – won four gold medals in males aged 16-and-over freestyle events (400m, 800m, 1500m, 200m) at the Short Course MANSASK Championships. He broke two senior provincial records and four age group provincial records. He also won the Betty Lou Dean Award for male swimmers for his performance in the 400m freestyle, swimming a time of 3:50.53 and achieving 780 FINA (Fédération internationale de natation) points. In the four events that McGillivray has competed in, he's ranked in the top four among Canadian male swimmers born in 2002. McGillivray is a member of the Swimming Canada National Development ID Training Team (for males born in 2002) and is a nationally carded swimmer.

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For information regarding the Athlete of the Month Awards program, including previous nominees and recipients, visit www.sasksport.sk.ca/awards.php

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