

# CLIPPER SPORTS

## Local track athletes medal at provincials

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Two local athletes enjoyed podium finishes at the Manitoba High School Athletics Association Dairy Farmers of Manitoba Provincial Track and Field Championships held at the University of Manitoba June 6-8.

Lac du Bonnet Senior School's Parker Thomas won gold in the junior varsity boys' 400-metre dash. His time of 51.94 seconds was three-tenths of a second faster than the

runner-up and more than a second quicker than the third-place finisher. Thomas almost won a second medal, this time in the junior varsity boys' 200 metres, but he finished in fourth place.

A member of Predator Athletics in Beausejour since 2022, Thomas has also trained with Optimist Athletics at the University of Manitoba. To prepare for the 2024 track season, he travelled to Winnipeg three days a week and ran practice races on the indoor track during winter.

Thomas has also qualified for the National Youth Track and Field trials. The last LdBSS athlete to qualify for that was Stuart Brincheski for the 100m in 2009.

Powerview School's Kaitlyn Schroeder earned a bronze medal in the junior varsity girls' 3,000-metre run, clocking in at 11:09.09. She narrowly missed a second medal by finishing fourth in the junior varsity girls' 1,500 metres and seventh in the junior varsity girls' 800 metres.

Lac du Bonnet Senior

School's Bowen Hampson had a strong showing in the junior varsity boys' 1,500 metres. His time of 10:06.78 was good for fifth spot in a crowded field.

École Edward Schreyer School's Ally Kowalchuk placed eighth in the varsity girls' 800 metres. Teammate Alina Wiens finished 11th in the junior varsity girls' 1,500 meters.

Lac du Bonnet's Daniel Melnick finished 18th in the junior varsity boys' 1,500 meters.

In the junior varsity girls' 3-kg shotput, Pinawa Secondary School's Lola Bradley and Jillian Suski finished 13th and 14th, respectively.

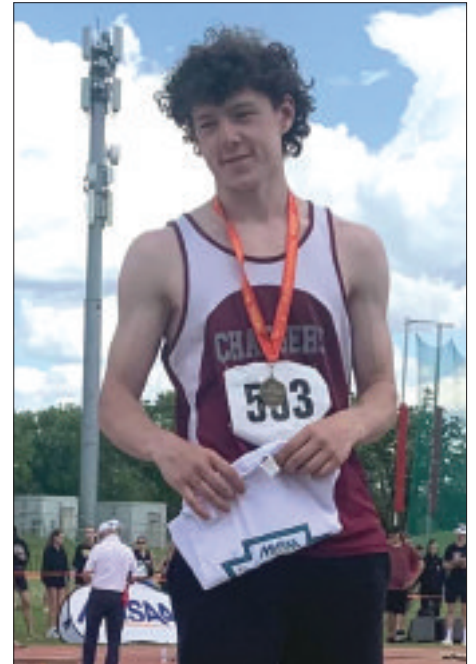


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