

Winners Embargoed until November 7th after Announcements

**Sports Banquet Honours Amateur Athletes in Cambridge
Three-time Olympian Slated as Guest Speaker**

Cambridge, Ontario. November 4, 2008... Celebrating amateur athletes is a long honoured tradition in Cambridge as the 35th Annual Sports Awards Banquet is planned this week on Friday, November 7th, 6 pm at the Cambridge Holiday Inn to pay tribute to Cambridge's finest. The banquet is one way the community honours the many successful amateur athletes here. The event includes naming the Amateur Athlete of the Year, Team of the Year and Sports Contributor, as well as High School Team and Sports Organization of the Year.

"Winners of these titles, with the exception of Athlete of the Year and Sports Contributor are given a heads up before the event that they will be honoured at the banquet so they can have their family and friends attend to share in the excitement," say Jennifer Horndl, Recreation Co-ordinator for the City.

The highlight of the evening is keynote remarks from three-time Olympian (two-time member of gold medal winning team), Ms. Sami Jo Small. Among Small's many accomplishments, she has been goaltender on the Canadian Women's Hockey Team since the 1997 - 98 season, is a five time World Champion, two time World Championship Most Valuable Player, served on the Stanford University PAC-10 MVP (Men's Hockey), and Stanford University Track Scholarship (Discus and Javelin).

Tickets are still available for the evening at \$35 for adults, \$30 for students, and \$18 for students. Tickets may be purchased in person at the City of Cambridge, Cambridge City Hall, 50 Dickson Street, Community Services Department, main floor, or by calling 519.740.4681 ext. 4202.

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Media are welcome to attend the event. Please RSVP to:

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The Official Winners:

Cambridge Athlete of the Year Nominees

Zoe Brown & Ian Beharry - Figure Skating
Nathan Brannen - Track
Lindsay Carson - track
Bryce Davison - Figure Skating
Carmen Douma Hussar - Track
Madeline Gardiner - Gymnastics
Leigh Hobson - Cycling
Andrew Hurd - Swimming
Trevor Sheppard - karate
Whitney McClintock - Water Skiing

Athlete of the Year - Honourable Mentions

Kate Brechun - Diving	Aisha Gerber - Gymnastics
Jackie Brown - Skiing	Amanda Overland - Speed Skating
Riley Cassidy - Swimming	Meghan Pittaway - Ringette
Carly Cermak - Swimming	Kaitlyn Skinner & Nicole Boyd - Volleyball
Taylor Doherty - Hockey	Kristen Tikel & Charles Morris - Figure Skating
Chaundra Engs - Swimming	Jennifer Wakefield - Ringette
Ryan Ellis - Hockey	Claira Whicher & Bob Goodwin - Figure Skating
Jackie Gaudette - Ringette	Molly Yetman - Softball

Honourable Mentions - Master Category

George Aitkin - Track	Louis Mayer - Cross Country Skiing
Tim Dawkins - Swimming	Stuart Summerhayes - RaceWalking & Rowing
Pat Donnelly - Duathlon	Katherine Willis - Track
Mary Ann Gaskin - Tennis	

Team of the Year

Cambridge Turbos Ringette

High School Team of the Year

Glenview Park Panthers Girls Rugby Team

Sports Organization of the Year

Hespeler Minor Softball Association

The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in Southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2008, the population reached over 125,000 people. With a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services, Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement. Based on the 2007 BMA Management Consulting Inc Municipal Study, the City of Cambridge is one of only four municipalities in the province that is debt free.

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