

# ACAC Athletes of the Week

## February 28 - March 6, 2011

### Dan Kai NAIT Badminton

Dan Kai won the 2011 CCAA Badminton Men's Singles National Championship this past weekend in Sackville, New Brunswick. This was Kai's third National championship for the Ooks as he captured previous titles in 2008 and 2009.



After posting a 4-1 record in the round-robin, Kai defeated Peter Huang of BC in the final in straight sets, 21-13, 21-14. It was a remarkable performance considering Dan was sick early in the week. He lost to Peter in the round-robin and struggled during a hard fought semi-final match with eventual Bronze medalist Tim Yu from Ontario. Kai regained his form in time for the final and played a near flawless match. "Dan's performance this week was incredible. To play badminton at the level that he needed to win the championship and be sick in the process is mind blowing," said head coach Jordan Richey. "It truly shows not only Dan's skill but the mental aspects of his game to be able to win a national championship despite not being in peak condition".

Kai is in his third year and is a first year Business Administration student from China.

Congratulations Kai on an outstanding performance!



### Jaelle Buhler GPRC Women's Basketball

Wolves guard, Jaelle Buhler made her last weekend of ACAC action a special one, as her strong play helped lead the Grande Prairie Regional College Wolves to the ACAC Women's Championship. The fifth year point guard and team captain led her team with her will and determination during the ACAC Final Four to help the College win their first ACAC title in 16 years.



In the semifinal against the top team from the ACAC South, the SAIT Trojans, Buhler showed off the versatility that she has been known for throughout her career. Jaelle scored twelve points, grabbed eleven rebounds and dished out nine assists to help her team in the 71-52 victory. In the gold medal match, the Wolves leader was clutch for her squad, like she has been so many times in the past, as she helped the team pull off the biggest comeback in league finals history, as the team stormed back from being down sixteen points with eight and a half minutes left to play in the fourth quarter against the MacEwan Griffins. Buhler had 10 points, 6 assists and 5 rebounds as she logged an amazing 39 minutes of play time and made numerous key plays for her squad.

Jaelle Buhler will now look to continue to lead the GPRC Wolves as they head towards CCAA Nationals on March 17th - 19th.

Jaelle is a fifth year athlete and is in the Bachelor of Commerce program at GPRC. She is from La Glace, Alberta.



Congratulations Jaelle on an outstanding weekend!

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### Micheleen Devine Medicine Hat College Women's Futsal



**Micheleen Devine** ended her Rattlers soccer career by shutting out the Mount Royal University Cougars 1-0 in the ACAC Futsal Conference Championships Final this past weekend. At key moments in the final match, Micheleen came up with outstanding reflex saves that kept the Cougars off the score sheet. The 2010 ACAC Soccer All Star keeper's calm composed demeanor and sure hands instilled confidence in the Rattlers squad enabling them to stick with their "up-tempo" attacking style throughout the game.



Micheleen is a Nursing student from Medicine Hat in her fifth year of eligibility.

Congratulations Micheleen on winning this award!

### Evan Asmussen Red Deer College Men's Curling



**Evan Asmussen**, skip of the Red Deer Kings men's curling team, is the driving force behind the team that won Gold at ACAC Conference Curling Championships. Evan lead the team to an 8-3 win against #1 seed NAIT Ooks losing only one game all weekend.



His knowledge of the game is a huge advantage in terms of strategy. He was very cool under pressure which rubbed off on the rest of his teammates. Evan also made numerous clutch shots throughout the weekend in what was a total team effort.

Congratulations Evan on a gold medal performance!

### Bol Kong NAIT Men's Basketball



**Bol Kong** was named the Tournament MVP at this past weekend's ACAC Men's Basketball Final Four Tournament hosted at NAIT. Kong helped lead the Ooks to their second consecutive ACAC Championship.

In Friday's 95-82 semi-final victory against Mount Royal University, Bol had 27 points and 7 rebounds. He followed that up with 19 points, 10 rebounds and 4 assists Saturday in the team's 93-66 victory over the Lethbridge Kodiaks. "Bol showed true championship experience and maturity over the weekend," said Head Coach Don Phillips. "For us to be successful in bringing home the CCAA title, we will need more of this and then some from everyone on the roster".

Bol is a third year player and is in the Telecommunications program at NAIT. He is from Vancouver, British Columbia.

Congratulations Bol on a gold medal performance!

