



John Gessner nominated as Male Athlete Representative
The Manitoban curler won several medals for Canada in curling

Montreal, August 24, 2018 - The Canadian Deaf Sports Association (CDSA) is pleased to announce that John Gessner is nominated as Male Athlete Representative on the Board of Directors. Gessner was selected after CDSA publicly shared the job posting and completed a selection process.

The Male Athlete Representative position became available last June following the General Annual Meeting held in Edmonton, Alta. The former Male Athlete Representative, Paul Halas from Manitoba decided to leave after four years of service. CDSA would like to thank Mr. Halas for his time and expertise.

Native and resident of Winnipeg, Man., Gessner represented Canada nationally and internationally in men's volleyball and men's curling since 2011. He recently retired from sport after winning a silver medal with the Manitoba's men's curling team at the 2018 Canada Deaf Games.

Among his achievements in curling Gessner won a Gold medal at the 2007 Winter Deaflympics in Salt Lake City, U.S., a silver medal at the 2015 Winter Deaflympics in Russia and another Gold medal at the 2017 World Deaf Curling Championship in Russia.

"It is important to have an athlete representative on the CDSA Board of Directors to help us in understanding and responding better to athletes' needs. I am certain that Mr. Gessner will do a tremendous job in representing all male athletes across Canada," said Mark Kusiak, President of the CDSA Board of Directors.

Aside from his achievements in sport Gessner is also very involved in his community as a volunteer. He is recognized for his leadership and sportsmanship skills.

About the CDSA: The CDSA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the development of high-performance Deaf and hard of hearing athletes. Through direct financial support, the CDSA helps athletes participate in international sport events sanctioned by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf and the Pan American Sports Committee for the Deaf.

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