

Sports in brief: Crusaders runner is MHSAA athlete of the week

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Hovi, Yussuf named Bison Sports athletes of the week

The University of Manitoba's Venla Hovi and Abduselam Yussuf were selected the Bison Sports athletes of the week for Oct. 15.

Hovi, a fourth-year forward with the women's hockey team, recorded four assists and was named second star of the game twice during the Bison's weekend split against Alberta on Oct. 13 and 14.

The Bisons lost the first match to Alberta 4-3 but came back to win Saturday's game 4-2.

She leads the Canada West conference in scoring with eight points (one goal and seven assists). Hovi was also selected as Canada West conference's female first star of the week.

Yussuf, a fifth-year cross-country runner with the Bisons, was named athlete of the week for his performance at the University of North Dakota Ron Pynn Classic Open on Oct. 14. Yussuf led the team and finished fifth individually. The Bison men's team finished fourth overall.

The eight-kilometre race was run at the Ray Richards Golf Course and Yussuf finished in a time of 24.53, just 13 seconds behind first.

The Winnipegger has been the top Bisons male runner in two of three cross country races so far in 2017.

Bison runners will be in action on Oct. 28 at the 2017 Chris McCubbins Provincial Cross Country Championship at Kilcona Park in Winnipeg and the Stewart Cup, hosted by the University of Alberta.

Local players make mark in WHSFL Week 6

The Winnipeg High School Football League has announced its players of the week for Oct. 15.

In the Potter Division, Grant Park High School running back Cody Gushulak was selected for leading the Pirates to a win over Steinbach with two touchdowns and 262 rushing yards.

In the Vidruk Division, Kelvin Clippers' running back Mohammed Irandost was selected for 20 carries over 183 yards in the team's 9-7 win over Dryden.

Churchill Bulldogs' defensive end Peter Orajekwe was selected in the Currie Division for his four sacks and four tackles in the team's win over Maples Collegiate.

Churchill defensive back Pedro Quadros was also named special teams player of the week for kicking four converts, one field goal, a 37-yard punting average and a 51-yard average on kickoffs.

Crusaders runner is MHSAA athlete of the week

Jack Taylor, a Grade 12 student at St. Paul's High School, was named urban high school athlete of the week by the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association on Oct. 18.

Taylor was the individual winner of the AAAA provincial cross-country championship in the varsity boys category. He is also the first student athlete in the school's history to claim the title.

The 6-foot runner's first-place finish also helped the Crusaders win the team title.

"Jack has made a steady progression every year," coach Jeff McMillan said in a statement. "His commitment to the sport has paid off with great results in track, and now cross-country. Jack is a natural runner with great foot speed. He is one of the rare runners who could be competitive at the 200 metre, as well as cross-country."

Taylor maintains an 81 per cent academic average.

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