

HIGH SCHOOL MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

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LAON KIM (Gleneagle) – Swimming

Has emerged as one of Canada's most promising young swimmers. He propelled his Gleneagle relay team to victories in the 200 medley and 400 freestyle relays at the 2022 BC high school championships, also taking gold in the 200 IM. In addition to earning six medals, including three gold, at the Canada Summer Games he also smashed by nine seconds the age 13-14 short course 800-metre national record set in 1979 by eventual double Olympic gold medallist Alex Baumann.



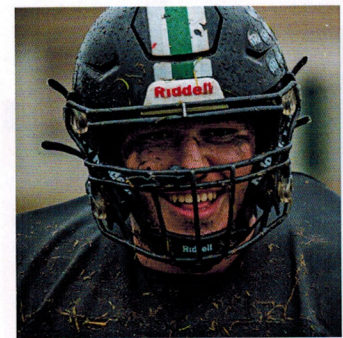
WALKER SODARO (Kelowna) – Volleyball

Led his Kelowna Senior Secondary Owls to back-to-back victories in the 2021 and 2022 provincial high school championships and was also named tournament MVP for both years. Sodaro also led the Owls to victory in the Best of the West volleyball tournament featuring top teams from Western Canada. As starting setter for his Jr. Heat Club team, Sodaro helped his squad to a silver medal at the U18 national championships.



LOGAN THIESSEN (Robert Bateman) – Football

Was voted Most Valuable Lineman and All-Star following the 2022 provincial AA high school final that saw his Timberwolves win 45-14 over Barsby Bulldogs at BC Place. The Bateman squad went undefeated in three exhibition, seven regular season and three playoff games. Thiessen also played in the Canadian Football Chat Prospect Game and was named lineman MVP for his squad.



AIDAN TURNER (South Delta) – Athletics

Finished an outstanding 2022 track and field season as BC and Canada's No.1 ranked Under-18 athlete in decathlon, pole vault and long jump. Turner was BC high school champion in pole vault, 110-metre hurdles and decathlon and was named Most Inspirational Athlete at the provincial high school championships. He also set a provincial and national U18 decathlon record with 6817 points.



JIMMY ZABORNIAK (Burnaby South) – Basketball

Proved mightier than his 6-foot frame suggested in powering his Burnaby South Rebels to victory in the 2022 BC High School Boys AAAA championships. He averaged more than 22 points per game in the tournament and scored 18 in the final which saw Burnaby South win 72-57 over Surrey. He was also starting point guard and captain of the BC U18 team that won silver at the 2022 Canada Games.

