

# JUNIOR MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

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## **PRAISE ANIAMAKA – Athletics**

A triple jump specialist, 19-year-old Aniamaka enjoyed an outstanding 2022 indoor and outdoor season. He finished first in the men's U20 triple jump at both the BC and Canadian track and field championships and went on to finish 12th at the U20 world championships. He also set a BC U20 outdoor record and Canadian indoor U20 mark to finish the year ranked first in the province and the country in his discipline.



## **CONNOR BEDARD – Ice Hockey**

Over the 2021-22 WHL season North Vancouver's Bedard became the youngest player to score 50 or more goals in a season, notching 51 goals and 49 assists for the Regina Pats – the effort made him just the third 16-year-old to record a 100-point season in the WHL and the first to do so in the 21st century. He went on to score four goals and four assists in Canada's gold medal run at the Covid-delayed World Junior Championships held in the summer of 2022. He is expected to go first overall in the 2023 NHL entry draft.



## **JACKSON GOLDSTONE – Cycling**

Racked up three wins and three second-place finishes to become the 2021 men's junior UCI World Cup Mountain Bike downhill champion while also winning gold in the junior men's downhill at the 2021 world championships. In 2022 at age 18 he won the Red Bull Hardline race in Wales by six seconds to become the youngest winner of what is considered the world's toughest event in mountain bike downhill.



## **COOPER HUMPHREYS – Golf**

Recently signed at Oregon State after a successful 2022 season that saw him win gold in men's individual and men's team at the Canada Summer Games. Vernon's Humphreys also helped Canada to win gold in the team competition at the Toyota Junior Golf World Cup in Japan, also finishing fifth in the individual ranks. He won the CJGA Western Canadian Championship at Mayfair Lakes.



## **NIKOLA PETROVIC – Judo**

Ended 2022 as the top-ranked U21 judo competitor in Canada and also ranked third in the senior category. Burnaby's Petrovic, then 18, won gold at the 2022 national championships in Montreal and was a bronze medallist in two International Judo Federation World Tour events. He also took silver at the Pan-American Oceania U21 championships in Peru and was named Judo BC Male Athlete of the Year.

