



LEFT: Brandon's Patrick Lamont hits an orange target during the Canadian Trapshooting Association's national championship at the Brandon Gun Club on Sunday afternoon, breaking it into tiny pieces. **RIGHT:** Brandon's Wayne Dobbie ejects a shell from his gun after taking a shot in the Shooters Canadian Trapshooting Association's national championship at the Brandon Gun Club on Sunday afternoon. (Photos by Perry Bergson/The Brandon Sun)

Lamont wins top events at nationals

BY PERRY BERGSON

On a weekend Brandon Gun Club president Patrick Lamont was inducted into the Canadian Trapshooting Association Hall of Fame, he showed why he belonged there.

At the CTA's national championships at the Brandon Gun Club, Lamont won the two biggest prizes, capturing both the high overall and the high all-around.

The high overall tracks every shot taken between Thursday and Sunday and he posted a score of 982, which means he missed 18 out of a total 1,000 targets. He also captured the high all-around, which tracks the 400 shots taken in the championship rounds on Saturday and Sunday. He hit 394 targets, missing just six in the big events.

"High overall means you shot well all week," Lamont said. "That's the one I always focus on. That was 982 and Barry Johnson was next with 961. I shot well, I guess, to do that. High all-around, that one is big too but that's just the championship events."

That consistency also led him to a number of other titles. He won



Shooters compete during the Canadian Trapshooting Association's national championship at the Brandon Gun Club on Sunday afternoon.

the AA doubles on Thursday by hitting 99 of 100 targets, and hit 99 of 100 to win the preliminary handicap on Friday. (Handicap refers to the distance the shooters stand from the trap: More successful shooters have to shoot a maximum of 27 metres away, while others can be much closer.)

He also scored 98 to win the CTA

class doubles.

In the championship events on Saturday and Sunday, he shot 200 to win singles, posted a 99 to take doubles and was runner-up in handicap with a 95.

"Being in Brandon, you never really know how it's going to go because there are other responsibilities," Lamont said. "For it to be

successful, I was very happy."

That was pretty much the story of the whole event. Brandon was travelling for the 11th time, after also doing it in 1984, 1985, 1988, 1991, 1994, 1997, 2001, 2007, 2015 and 2018.

CTA president Andrea Bassan said Brandon is a great spot for the annual event.

"It's fantastic," said Bassan, who travelled from Torbay, Newfoundland and Labrador. "They know how to run a shoot. They welcome shooters — everyone here feels welcome — and they have people from as far away as the Atlantic provinces and B.C."

"It's just a great environment."

Lamont agreed.

"The shoot went well," Lamont said. "It's always a little nerve-racking going into it but I think the members all came together and we put on a really good shoot."

During a summer in which Mother Nature has shown a repeated willingness to sock Westman with violent weather, the skies did their part as well.

When the thunderstorm hit on Saturday evening, the shooters

were already inside enjoying a catered banquet prior to the CTA's annual meeting and its Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

"That was a huge help," Lamont said. "It just complicates things when the weather doesn't co-operate."

He wasn't the only Lamont to shoot well at nationals.

Pat's father Rob earned the handicap event with a score of 98 on Thursday.

"That was the Pat Lamont Handicap so that's kind of cool," Lamont said. "They name it after the person who won the year before so my dad ended up winning that one."

Meanwhile, in the championship rounds, Brandon's Rylan Bower captured the junior handicap with a 96, plus the junior high all round with 378 on Sunday. He was 11th in the high overall at 942, with Robert Lamont finishing seventh at 951.

» For a story on Saturday evening's Hall of Fame ceremony, see Tuesday's edition of The Brandon Sun.

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U13 Magic dominate Terminators on weekend

The under-13 Westman Magic swept four games with the Smitty's Terminators in convincing fashion over the weekend in Manitoba Premier Softball League action.

On Sunday at Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex, the first-place Magic (17-3) opened with a 15-2 victory after going up 11-0 after two innings. Callie Franklin, Quinn Twordik, Kasia Baranyak, Rachel Lyver and Emerson Kempthorne all had a pair of Westman's 14 hits, and Franklin scored three runs in the game, which lasted just four innings due to the mercy rule.

In the second game, the fifth-place Terminators (5-12) took an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning, only to have the Magic respond with five runs in the bottom of the inning and four more in the second en route to a 15-1 thumping that again lasted just four innings.

Twordik, Mckenzie Masson and Jo-see Martine combined on a one-hitter, with Twordik helping herself with three hits, three RBI and three runs scored.

Baranyak had two hits, three RBI and three runs scored, while Kempthorne also drove home three runners.

On Saturday, the Magic met the Terminators in Winnipeg, earning 8-2 and 21-0 victories.

In the first game, the Magic put across three runs in the first and third innings and two more in the fifth inning en route to the win. Westman pounded out nine hits, with Franklin and Ivy Fry both getting two. Franklin and Rose Cochrane also both scored twice.



LEFT: Under-13 Westman Magic shortstop Kasia Baranyak (3) receives a throw from the plate as Smitty's Terminators base runner Blayke Power (91) makes it safely to the bag for a stolen base during the second game of a Manitoba Premier Softball League doubleheader at Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex on Sunday afternoon. **RIGHT:** Under-13 Westman Magic base runner Quinn Twordik dives safely into the base after Smitty's Terminators second baseman Gabrielle Anderson (10) had the ball knocked out of her glove. (Photos by Perry Bergson/The Brandon Sun)

Franklin, Martine and Masson pitched two innings each, allowing just five hits and striking out six.

The second game was all Westman, as they out-hit Smitty's 17-0 in the four-inning rout. Twordik and Hadley Robertson combined for the no-hitter, with their Magic teammates helping out by putting up six runs in the first, second and fourth innings.

Fry led the way with three hits, three RBI and a pair of runs scored, with Franklin, Kempthorne, Cochrane, Olivia Wilson and Baranyak also getting two hits each. Franklin drove in four runs as well for the Magic, who drew eight walks.

The U13 Magic return to action next Sunday when they meet the Eastman Wildcats in Friedensfeld.

U17 MAGIC

In the Softball Showcase Tournament in Estevan that featured 90-minute games, the Magic went a perfect 4-0.

They opened Saturday with a 7-3 victory over the Central Alberta Selects, with Kylan Solomon lifting the club with a two-run double in the fifth inning when they were trailing 3-2.

Naomi McKay allowed just three hits and one earned run, and led her club at the plate with two hits.

The second game on Saturday was a blowout, with the Magic exploding for 17 runs in the first three innings en route to a 17-2 victory over the River City Hornets.

Anna Forbes allowed just one hit in earning the win. Siena McMillan and Ally Neufeld each drove in four runs, and McKay had three hits.

On Sunday morning, the Magic continued their winning ways, topping the River City Forsberg 10-6. Westman trailed twice in the game, but pushed across five runs in the fifth inning for the win.

McMillan and Forbes allowed six hits and four earned runs, while Kamryn Boden led the Magic at the

plate with two hits, two RBI and two runs scored. Solomon scored three times.

In their final matchup on Sunday evening, the Magic topped the Southeast Sun Devils 14-3. After building a 3-0 lead in the first inning, they exploded for six more in the second frame to put the game out of reach. McKay allowed just three hits and no earned runs. Boden had three hits and three RBI, and Nevaeh Stinson had two hits, three RBI and scored twice.

The U15 and U19 Magic weren't in MPSL action on the weekend.

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