

ALEX HILL, Saskatoon Renegades
2022-23 Evan Thomas Memorial Sportsperson of the Year Award & Scholarship
presented by Airline Hotels

Congratulations to all of the Finalists for the 2022-23 Evan Thomas Memorial Sportsperson of the Year Award and Scholarship, presented by Airline Hotels:

- **Tyler Hamilton, Aces**
- **Sarah Folk, Comets**
- **Jesse Hall, Wild**

SMHA is proud to announce **ALEX HILL** of the **Saskatoon Renegades** as 2022-23 Evan Thomas Memorial Sportsperson of the Year Award & Scholarship winner. Alex was a 13-year-old player in his first season of U15 hockey with the U15B Renegade Rage in 2022-23.

Below is the nomination for Alex submitted by his team to SMHA:

I would like to nominate Alex Hill for the Evan Thomas Memorial Sportsperson of the Year Award. I've known Alex for about 4 years now. It was two years after my family moved into the Renegades zone that my son happened to be placed on a team with Alex. Still being relatively new to the zone, Alex wasted no time making my son feel welcome on the team and in the zone. As we soon found out, Alex did not live far from our new home and he started inviting my son Leo to go with him to the local rink. Alex was a big reason why my son got to know so many of the other children in our new neighbourhood.

More recently, I got to know Alex much better while coaching him (assistant) on the 2022-23 Renegade Rage U15B team. I knew from years past that Alex was a strong player who really enjoyed the game, but this year I got to see up close how good of a teammate he really was. Always encouraging others and complimenting them on good plays. Even when the team was struggling, Alex was there to encourage his teammates and be a positive voice during challenging games. Alex has a very polite and calm way of communicating that make him a very coachable young man.

When I read the list of characteristics required to win the Evan Thomas Memorial Sportsman of the Year Award, Alex Hill was top of mind.

- Kirk Nagus, Assistant Coach Renegade rage

Alex's impact on our team cannot be understated. While he may not naturally play an overly physical game, he never shies away from one or lets the intensity get to him, continually playing with sportsmanship, integrity and determination. Alex arrives at every game and practice ready to learn from his coaches and peers. He is an encouraging and supportive voice on the bench and, through his empathy and positive attitude, has won the respect of his teammates.

On a personal note, I have had the privilege of coaching Alex Hill for the past two years, last year as an AP (who was regularly called up) to the U15C Renegade Rebels and this year as a regular member of the U15B Renegade Rage. Alex is a wonderful personality on and off the ice and truly deserving of this award.

- Matt McNabb, Assistant Coach, Renegade Rage

My name is Mason Schreffler and I have been a teammate with Alex Hill for over 6 years on various teams. Alex is fun to be around and makes everyone feel included when we are on the ice and off the ice. He is always positive towards his team and his opponents. It doesn't matter win or lose Alex congratulation the other team on a great game. I have even seen Alex encourage another player before he took a penalty shot on our goalie - giving him a pat on the back saying "good luck!"

Alex is friends with everyone on the team and no one has anything negative to say about him. He is a great team mate and friend.

- Mason Schreffler, U15B Renegade Rage teammate

Congratulations Alex – Evan Thomas Memorial Sportsperson of the Year!