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Boston Pizza AAAA Provincial Volleyball Championships Final Four Set

The 2019 Boston Pizza AAAA Provincial Volleyball Championships is down to the final four. A total of 12 boys teams and 12 girls teams began regional playoffs on November 22 and 23. Four boys teams and four girls teams have advanced to semi-final action at the University of Manitoba's Investors Group Athletic Centre later this week.

The Girls semi-finals take place on Wednesday, November 27 at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

The Boys semi-finals take place on Thursday, November 28 at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

The Championship finals are on Monday, December 2 at the Investors Group Athletic Centre, beginning with the Girls final at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Boys match at 8:00 p.m. Both matches will be live streamed at mhsaa.ca starting at 6:00 p.m.

On the girl's side, the top seeded Dakota Lancers are pitted against 5th seeded Oak Park Raiders and 3rd seed Vincent Massey Vikings (Brandon) are up against the 2nd seed Portage Saints.

In boy's action, 1st seed Steinbach Regional Sabres will face the 4th seed Dakota Lancers and the 3rd seed Westwood Warriors will play the 2nd seed St. Paul's Crusaders.

The Provincial A, AA and AAA Championships are also taking place from November 28 – November 30 throughout Manitoba with 60 teams seeking six Provincial Championship titles.

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2019 Boston Pizza AAAA Provincial Volleyball Championships – FINAL FOUR

November 27, November 28 & December 2, 2019

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Schedule

Wednesday, November 27 Girls Semi-Finals Investors Group Athletic Centre

6:00 p.m.	Vincent Massey Vikings (Brandon)	vs	Portage Saints
8:00 p.m.	Dakota Lancers	vs	Oak Park Raiders

Thursday, November 28 Boys Semi-Finals Investors Group Athletic Centre

6:00 p.m.	Westwood Warriors	vs	St. Paul's Crusaders
8:00 p.m.	Steinbach Regional Sabres	vs	Dakota Lancers

Monday, December 3 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS Investors Group Athletic Centre

GIRL'S CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL	6:00 P.M.
BOY'S CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL	8:00 P.M.

ADMISSION: Semi Finals: \$5.00 Finals: Adults: \$10.00, Students \$5.00

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2019 BOSTON PIZZA AAAA PROVINCIAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Team Profiles (Girls)

#1 Dakota Collegiate Lancers

Team Colours: Black and Gold **League win/loss record:** 13-0 **Overall record:** 39-3
Tournaments competed in/placing: 1st Seven Oaks, 1st Selkirk Royal Rumble, 1st Portage,
1st Warriors Invitational, 1st St. Vital Invitational
Coaches Name: Sara Harrington **Years Coaching:** 11 **Sr. High Coaching:** 7
School #: 204-256-4366
Provincial Championships history:

Players to look for:

1. **Jaya Dzikowicz:** Hard and powerful hitter, strong passer
2. **Taylor McGillivray:** Big blocker, versatile hitter, tough server
3. **Brooklyn Olfert:** All around talent, smart defender, has many shots as a hitter
4. **Emily Scott:** Moves the ball around well as a setter, strong blocker and great defender

Describe your team and what type of game you play:

Strong offense, run a simple game.

VS

#5 Oak Park High School Raiders

Team Colours: Blue, White and Grey **League win/loss record:** 11-2 **Overall record:** 23-8
Tournaments competed in/placing: 2nd Seven Oaks, tie for 7th Selkirk Royal Rumble, 1st Viking Classic Brandon,
6th Portage, 3rd St. Vital Invitational
Coaches Name: Craig McKenzie **Years Coaching:** 30+ **Sr. High Coaching:** 30+
School #: 204-895-7221
Provincial Championships history:

Players to look for:

1. **Andi Almonte:** Skilled player, highest jumper in league, hard to stop
2. **Kati Hruska:** Levelheaded, smart team captain, great effort every time she steps on the court
3. **Sahra McKenzie:** Solid hitter and blocker, stays calm, keeps things lite for her team

Describe your team and what type of game you play:

This year's team is a young group with four of the six starters in grade 11. Although the team had its ups and downs during the season, when it came down to the crunch the team performed at its best.

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Team Profiles (Girls)

#3 Vincent Massey High School Vikings (Brandon)

Team Colours: Purple, White, and Black **League win/loss record:** 8-1 **Overall Record:** 32-12
Tournaments competed in/placing: 3rd Luther College, 5th Selkirk Royal Rumble, 2nd VM Viking Classic,
3rd Portage, 3rd Westwood, 4th St. Vital Invitational
Coaches Name: Michael DeGroot **Years Coaching:** 25 **Sr. High Coaching:** 22
School #: 204-729-3170
Provincial Championships history: 2018 – 2nd round, 2017 – 2nd round, 2016 – Second, 2015 – final four

Players to look for:

1. **Alexis Cancade:** Setter, very dynamic, driven competitor, consistent serves
2. **Shay Kirk:** Middle Player, great vertical, defends quick
3. **Arlynn Hyra:** great vertical, excellent swing

Describe your team and what type of game you play:

This team prides itself in serving tough and playing a tenacious defense. Our back court scrambles like very few teams which allows us to transition with higher frequency.

VS

#2 Portage Collegiate Saints

Team Colours: Black, Yellow and Maroon **League win/loss record:** 10-0 **Overall Record:** 35-8
Tournaments competed in/placing: 3rd Brandon, 2nd Portage, 2nd Westwood, 2nd St. Vital, Tied for 3rd Selkirk
Coaches Name: Derek Casper **Years Coaching:** 6 **Sr. High Coaching:** 6
School #: 204-857-6843
Provincial Championships history: 2017 – 2nd

Players to look for:

1. **Carleigh Smith-Banfield:** Left side, dynamic hitter, great defender
2. **Devon Borody:** Left side, strong hitter/blocker
3. **Lacey Poschenrider:** Middle, big blocker, strong attacker
4. **Shaye-Lynn Buhler:** Middle, big jumper, strong attacker, great blocker

Describe your team and what type of game you play:

Offensively strong, great resiliency, strong defense, won't quit.

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Team Profiles (Boys)

#1 Steinbach Regional Sabres

Team Colours: Black, Yellow and White **League win/loss record:** 12-2 **Overall Record:** 33-9
Tournaments competed in/placing: 5th U of W, 4th DMCI, Top 4 Selkirk, 1st MBCI, 2nd St. Vital
Coaches Name: Michelle Sawatzky **Years Coaching:** **Sr. High Coaching:**
School #: 204-326-6426
Provincial Championships history:

Players to look for:

1. **Paxton Koop:** Middle Blocker
2. **Tyson Koop:** Setter
3. **Tony Nickel:** Left Side

Describe your team and what type of game you play:

VS

#4 Dakota Collegiate Lancers

Team Colours: Black and Gold **League win/loss record:** 13-1 **Overall Record:** 40-8-2
Tournaments competed in/placing: 1st Selkirk Royal Rumble, 3rd U of W, 3rd Seven Oaks, 3rd Daniel McIntyre, 3rd MBCI, 3rd St. Vital Invitational
Coaches Name: Ryan Hudson **Years Coaching:** 10 **Sr. High Coaching:** 1
School #: 204-256-4366
Provincial Championships history: 2018 – 1st

Players to look for:

1. **Alex Krykewich:** Great setter, vocal leader of team extremely competitive
2. **Jaxon Rose:** Strong left side attacker, good passer, team leader in kills
3. **Sem Mehretab:** Effective middle blocker, strong middle attacker

Describe your team and what type of game you play:

The team is built around an effective middle attack, intelligent setting and strong outside attacking. We have great leadership, a high team IQ and are very competitive. We strive to be tenacious defensively, close blocks and play well after 20 pts.

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Team Profiles (Boys)

#3 Westwood Collegiate Warriors

Team Colours: Maroon, Black and Grey

League win/loss record: 8-3

Overall Record: 32-7

Tournaments competed in/placing: 2nd U of W, 1st Seven Oaks, 1st DMCI, 4th MBCI, 1st St. Vial

Coaches Name: Brian Schmeichel

Years Coaching: 15

Sr. High Coaching: 15

School #: 204-888-7650

Provincial Championships history: 2013 – 5th

Players to look for:

1. **Bryce Cancilla:** Great offense, high volleyball IQ, great server and defender
2. **Easton Grieve:** Very consistent passer and attacker, great competitor
3. **Bryce Magalas:** Great blocker and passer, dynamic attacker

Describe your team and what type of game you play:

Very balanced team. Lots of versatility. Try to run a fast offense.

VS

#2 St. Paul's High School Crusaders

Team Colours: Maroon and White

League win/loss record: 9-1

Overall Record: 39-9

Tournaments competed in/placing:

Coaches Name: Lloyd Voth

Years Coaching: 39

Sr. High Coaching: 39

School #: 204-831-2311

Provincial Championships history: 2018 – Final Four, 2015 – 1st, 2007 – 1st, 2006 – 1st, 1988 – 1st

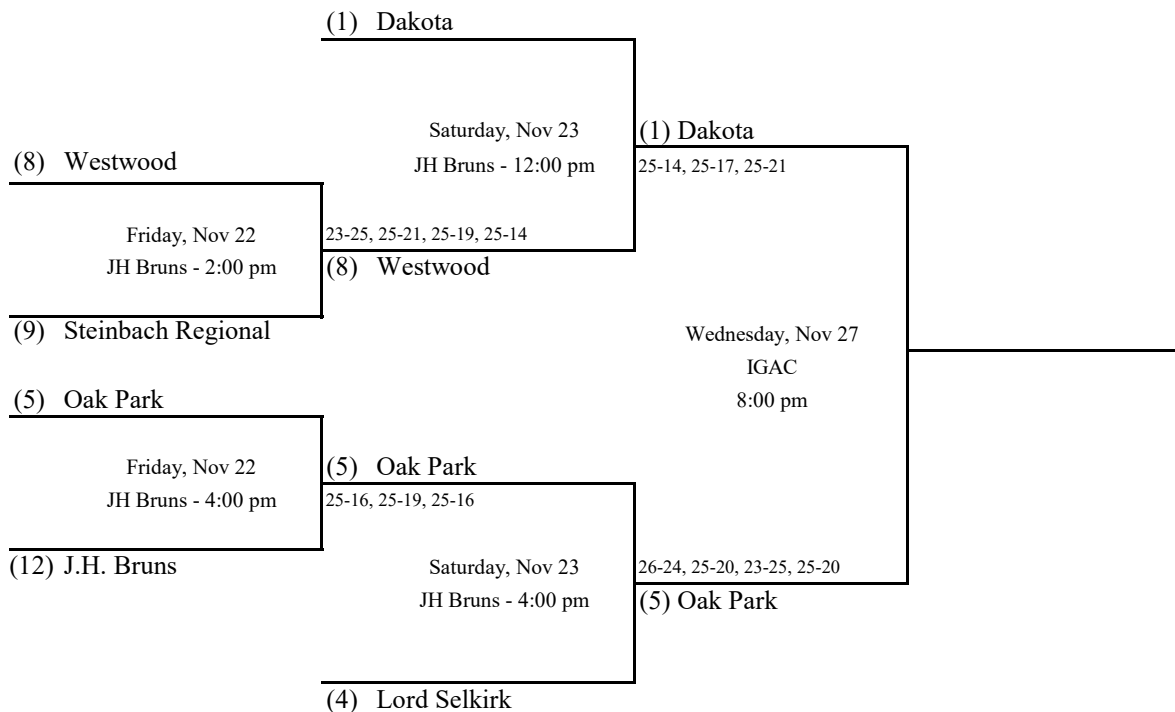
Players to look for:

1. **Justin Cross:** Heavy hitter, excellent overall play, can play any position
2. **James Duerksen:** Excellent setter, strong blocker, very versatile
3. **Scott Mann:** Strong defensive player, very quick and excellent on serve receive

Describe your team and what type of game you play:

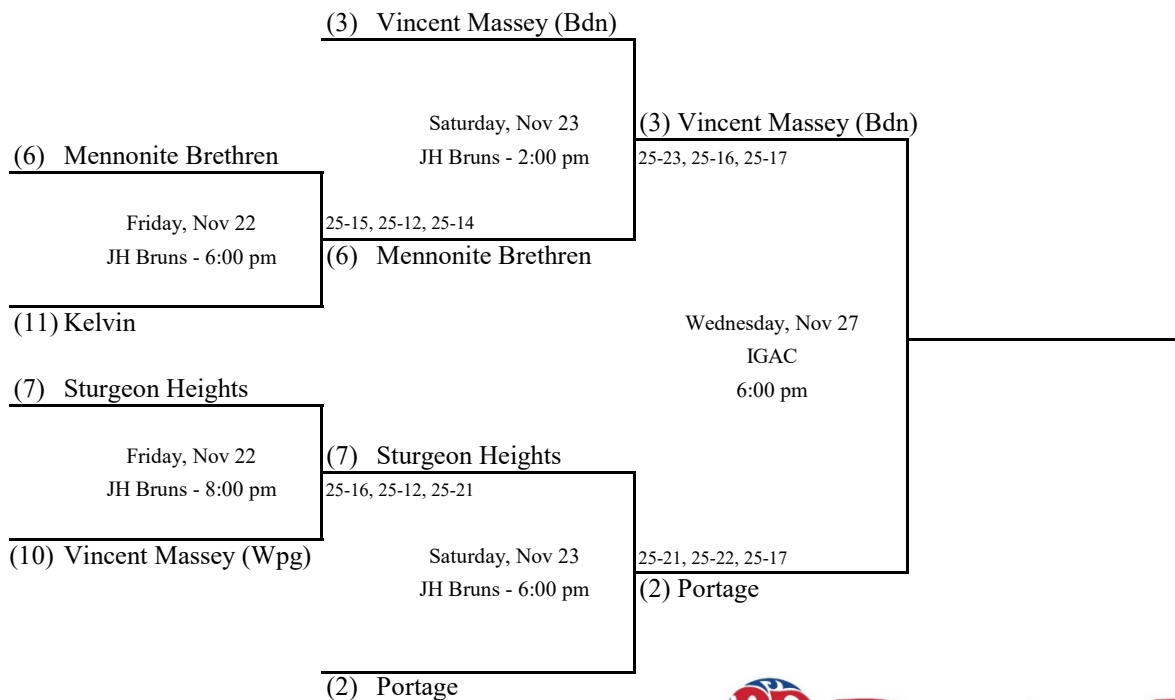
Strong defensive team which relies on good serving and consistent serve receive. Need to attack from a variety of position to be successful.

BOSTON PIZZA AAAA GIRLS PROVINCIAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

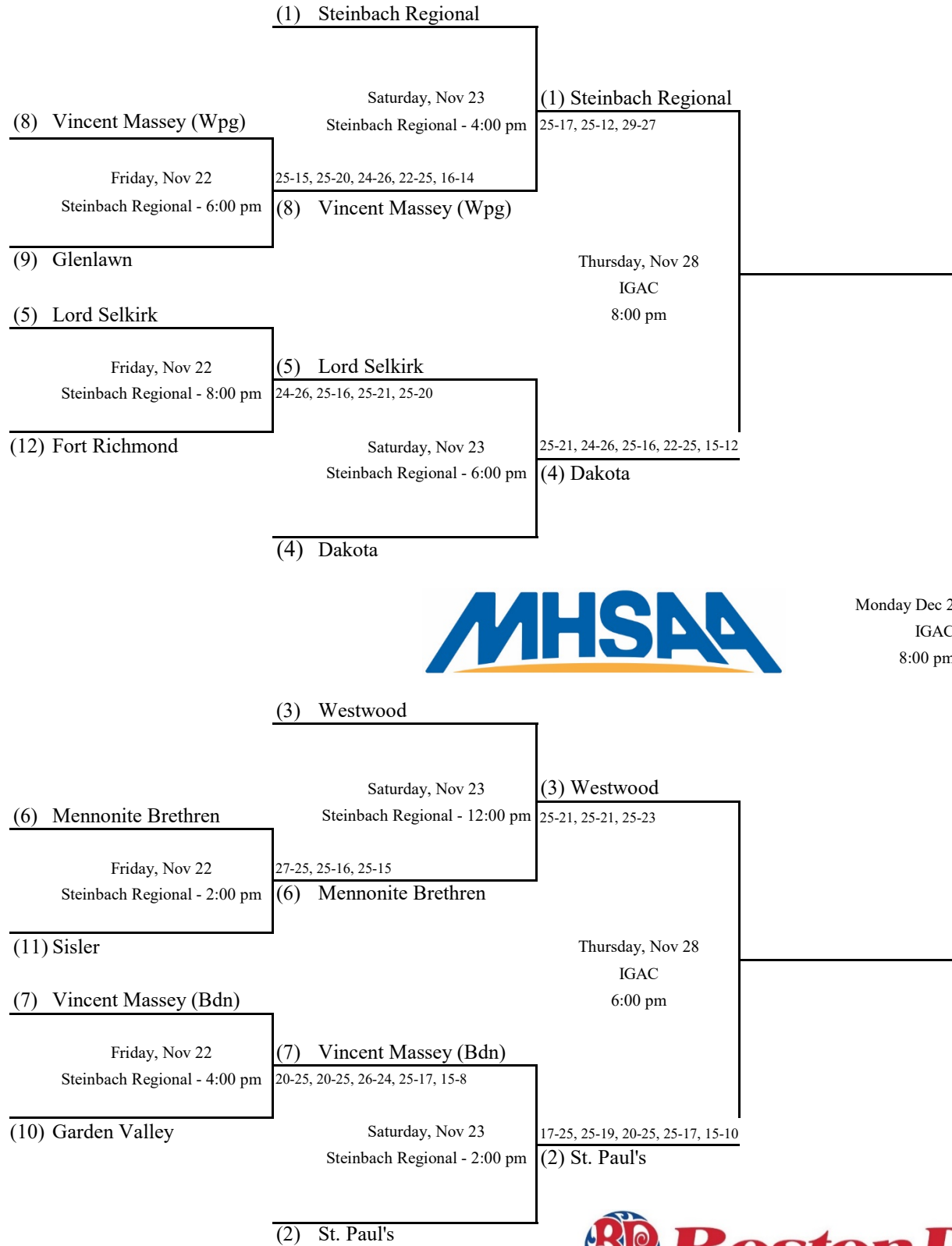


Monday Dec 2
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6:00 pm

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BOSTON PIZZA AAA BOYS PROVINCIAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



AAAA Classification - Past Winners

Year	Boys	Girls
2018	Dakota	Collège Jeanne-Sauvé
2017	Lord Selkirk	Collège Jeanne-Sauvé
2016	Lord Selkirk	St. Mary's Academy
2015	St. Paul's High School	St. Mary's Academy
2014	Steinbach Regional	Lord Selkirk
2013	Lord Selkirk	Mennonite Brethren
2012	Mennonite Brethren	Neelin
2011	Miles Macdonell	St. Mary's Academy
2010	Dakota	River East
2009	Mennonite Brethren	Crocus Plains
2008	Miles Macdonell	Crocus Plains
2007	St. Paul's High School	Lord Selkirk
2006	St. Paul's High School	Lord Selkirk
2005	Collège Jeanne-Sauvé	Lord Selkirk
2004	Collège Jeanne-Sauvé	Lord Selkirk
2003	Dakota	Dakota
2002	Mennonite Brethren	Crocus Plains
2001	Mennonite Brethren	Crocus Plains
2000	Miles Macdonell	River East
1999	Crocus Plains	River East
1998	Glenlawn	River East
1997	Mennonite Brethren	River East
1996	Mennonite Brethren	Virden
1995	John Taylor	Miles Macdonell
1994	Lord Selkirk	Oak Park
1993	Lord Selkirk	Oak Park
1992	Dakota	Garden City
1991	Dakota	Glenlawn
1990	John Taylor	Oak Park
1989	Lord Selkirk	Silver Heights
1988	St. Paul's High School	Lord Selkirk
1987	Miles Macdonell	River East
1986	West Kildonan	Lord Selkirk
1985	Lord Selkirk	Lord Selkirk
1984	Louis Riel	Kildonan East
1983	Lord Selkirk	Dakota
1982	River East	Kildonan East
1981	Miles Macdonell	Dauphin Regional
1980	West Kildonan	Pierre Radisson

1979	Springfield	Lord Selkirk
1978	Westgate Mennonite	Lord Selkirk
1977	Miles Macdonell	Lord Selkirk
1976	Miles Macdonell	Lord Selkirk
1975	Miles Macdonell	Dakota
1974	Miles Macdonell	River East
1973	Dakota	Dakota
1972	Miles Macdonell	Vincent Massey (Winnipeg)
1971	Miles Macdonell	Glenlawn
1970	Dakota	Miles Macdonell
1969	Dakota	Dakota
1968	Kelvin	Steinbach Regional
1967	Dakota	Dakota