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PNE AWARDS AUGUST 2006 MIRACLE MILE BURSARY TO MODERN PENTATHLON ATHLETE TIK MAYNARD

VANCOUVER, B.C. – The Pacific National Exhibition's August 2006 Miracle Mile Athlete Bursary has been awarded to Tik Maynard of Vancouver, who competes in the grueling sport of modern pentathlon.

Modern pentathlon is an Olympic sport that consists of competition in five events in one day. The five disciplines include: pistol shooting, espee fencing, swimming, riding (equestrian show jumping) and cross-country running. Tik has been competing at a national and international level for the past decade and has his eyes set on competing in both the Pan-Am Games in 2007 and the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

In 2005 alone, Tik placed third in the US Open Championships, first in the Canadian National Championship, fifth in the Pan-American Championships and was awarded the 2005 Premier's Award for Athletic Achievement that was presented to him by Premier Gordon Campbell.

With all of the travel and training that fill Tik's days he still finds time for community service and volunteering. From participating in community cleanup days in his own neighbourhood to sitting on the Eburne Lands Translink Advisory Committee, Tik has shown that along with the commitment and passion he has for his sport he is just as dedicated to the community in which he lives.

"How could we overlook Tik's application for the Miracle Mile Athlete Bursary?" asks Michael McDaniel, President and CEO of the Pacific National Exhibition. "To be a modern pentathlon athlete you need to have the dedication and drive that the PNE acknowledges with the rewarding of the bursaries. Tik is absolutely deserving of the August bursary. Keep up the amazing work, Tik."

For more information on the PNE's Miracle Mile Bursary visit www.pne.ca or call 604-251-7708.

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