Top athletes from the Northern Territory Institute of Sport (NTIS) have been recognised at the 2005 NTIS Athletes Awards night.

Minister for Sport and Recreation, Delia Lawrie, announced Daniel Johnston (Mountain Bike) as the NTIS International Athlete of the Year for Individual Sport.

Daniel from Alice Springs represented Australia in the USA and Italy. Daniel came 1st place in the under 19 division in the seventh round of the 2005 Shimano NORBA National Mountain Bike Series in USA. He followed his win with a 39th placing at the World Championships in Italy as a representative of Australia in the under 19 division.

In the other categories, Maria Tsoukalis (Weightlifting) was named the Carbine Club NTIS Athlete of the Year for Individual Sport while Andrew McArthur (Tenpin Bowling) took out the Award for the Team Sport category.

Shelley Nitschke (Cricket) won the award for the Carbine Club NTIS International Athlete of the Year for team sport.

“The Northern Territory Institute of Sport helps more than 150 athletes each year and these Awards recognise the top performers. I congratulate all athletes and they should be proud of what they achieved and the example they set to others in the sporting community,” said Ms Lawrie.

An athlete from each NTIS squads was recognised as the Foster’s Australia Squad Athletes of the Year, for their commitment to their sport.

17 NTIS athletes who made national teams and 17 NTIS athletes who made national squads were also recognised.

Ms Lawrie also paid tribute to those who helped and supported the athletes – coaches, sport administrators, sports science personnel, family and volunteers.

“People behind the athlete from the parent to the physiotherapist – should also be recognised for their contribution to an athlete’s performance,” said Ms Lawrie.

“Congratulations to all athletes. I wish them well in their future sporting and professional careers.”
2005 Winners:

**NTIS International Athlete of the Year for Individual Sport:**
Daniel Johnston (Mountain Bike)

**Carbine Club International Athlete of the Year for Team Sport:**
Shelley Nitschke (Cricket)

**Carbine Club NTIS National Athlete of the Year for Individual Sport:**
Maria Tsoukalis (Weightlifting)

**Carbine Club NTIS National Athlete of the Year for Team Sport:**
Andrew McArthur (Tenpin Bowling)

**Foster’s Australia NTIS Squad Athletes of the Year:**
- Nathan McLean (AFL)
- Ryan James (Cricket)
- Joel Carroll (Hockey)
- Heather Langham (Hockey)
- Sarrita King (Netball)
- Cameron Mathers (Rugby League)
- Joseph Egan (Rugby Union)
- Bruno Maglieri (Tenpin Bowling)
- Ashlee Brown (Tennis)

**National Squad Representatives Recognition:**
- Cameron Mathers (Rugby League)
- Todd Hair (Rugby League)
- Trent De With (Rugby League)
- Paul Jennings (Rugby League)
- Mitchell Morgan (Rugby League)
- Julie Woerner (Cricket)
- Symone Bell (Hockey)
- Kirstie McKellar (Hockey)
- Emily Peris (Hockey)
- Heather Langham (Hockey)
- Jonathon Peris (Hockey)
- David Hennessy (Hockey)
- Adrian Lockley (Hockey)
- Andrew McArthur (Tenpin Bowling)
- Ronald Voukolos (Tenpin Bowling)
- Robert Kennedy (Tenpin Bowling)
- Karyn Bailey (Netball)

**National Team Representatives Recognition:**
- Dave Byars (Blind Lawn Bowls)
- Kelly Fong (Judo)
- Lyle Ah Sam (Rugby League)
• Aaron Costello (Rugby League)
• Joseph Egan (Rugby Union)
• Michelle Halprin (Tenpin Bowling)
• Sophie Hawkens (Triathlon)
• Maria Tsoukalis (Weightlifting)
• Rebecca Brooke (Weightlifting)
• Shelley Nitschke (Cricket)
• Travis Carroll (Hockey)
• Desmond Abbott (Hockey)
• Colin Hennessy (Hockey)
• Joel Carroll (Hockey)
• Chris Johns (BMX)
• Melanie Hall (Wheelchair Basketball)
• Daniel Johnston (Mountain Bike)

National Club Recognition:
• Richard Tambling (AFL)
• Karyn Bailey (Netball)

NTIS Volunteers Recognition:
• Dal Hartley (Cycling)
• Steve Kelly (Rugby League)
• Lyndon Sheppard (Rugby League)
• Mark Davies (Swimming)
• Andrew Forrest (Weightlifting)
• June Voukolos (Tenpin Bowling)
• Debbie Halprin (Tenpin Bowling)
• Jan Palazzi (Blind Lawn Bowls)
• Cherry Harvey (Athletics)
• Sue Gardiner (Judo)
• Bradley Fong (Judo)
• Mark Woods (Weightlifting)
• Ingvar Dyrting (Hockey)
• Scott Bevis (Hockey)

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