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LOCAL LAD Matene Mason shone at Golden Shears 2008 in Memorial Stadium, Masterton, today.

Mason, 15, placed second in the final of the Junior Shearing Champs for shearers who have recorded a shed tally of up to 210 sheep in a nine hour day.

He also picked up the trophy for the best junior local at the Golden Shears.

Dane Philips of Kaiwaka won the event and Southern man Chris McGregor from Gore was in third.

Tipene Te Whata from Tautoro, Raniera Hauiti of Danniverke and Bevan Guy from Kaeo followed in fourth, fifth and sixth respectively.

Action continues at the Golden Shears today with finals for various level events in shearing and woolhandling, culminating in shearing's ultimate contest tonight; the Golden Shears Open Shearing Final.

For a full programme and live video action see www.goldenshears.co.nz.

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