

MAY 2007

# ATHLETE NOMINATIONS

Winners will be announced later this month.

Congratulations to all the nominees.

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ELGIN -

## JOHN THRASHER

John had a successful season for the Comet track team competing in the shot put and discus events. The senior captured 2nd in the discus and 8th in the shot put in both the MOAC and the Division II boys District track meets. His discus throw of 139'7" at the District qualified him for the Regional meet where he placed 9th. John was also honored with Elgin's "Spirit of the Game" award for his dedication, work ethic, and leadership.

ELGIN -

## REBECCA GAMBY

At or near the top of nearly every offensive category in the MOAC, Rebecca had an outstanding spring for the Lady Comet softball team. Her 11 homeruns was just one shy of the state record, and she batted in 23 runs. The junior carried a batting average of .482 and a slugging percentage of 1.285. A great defensive catcher, as well, Rebecca was honored with 1st Team All Ohio, MOAC Softball Player of the Year, 1st Team Central District and 1st Team MOAC.

MARION CATHOLIC -

## CHRIS GARNOW

An outstanding leader and hard worker, Chris was always willing to compete in any event the Irish tracksters needed. Competing in the 200-meter dash, Chris garnered 2 first-place finishes, 3 seconds, and came in 4th in the league event. As part of 3 relay teams, he placed first 3 times in the 4 x 100-meter, first 3 times in the 4 x 200, and first 4 times in the 4 x 400.

MARION CATHOLIC -

## ARIS PERSINGER

Aris' importance to the Lady Irish softball team transcends her stats. Her leadership, positive attitude, and hard play continue even when things aren't going well. She carried conference averages of .514 batting and on-base 630%, and an overall batting average of .419 and a 576% on-base percentage with 17 singles, 5 doubles, 3 triples, and 1 homerun scoring 30 runs and driving in 21 runs. As a pitcher, Aris is 13-7 carrying only a 1.98 earned run average.

MARION HARDING -

## CHRIS CRAWFORD

In addition to his game-winning homerun against Findlay, Chris performed extremely well for the President's baseball team leading his team in nine categories during the month of May. He had 20 at bats, scored 6 runs, had 9 hits, 3 homeruns, 5 stolen bases, and 9 RBIs, with a .450 batting average, .542 on-base average, and .950 slugging percentage. Chris also had 1 double and 4 walks.

MARION HARDING -

## BRITTANY HARRIS

Brittany has made remarkable improvement this year in the shot put for the Lady President's track team. Increasing her distance by over 6 feet, Brittany won the shot put at Marion Night, was also All Conference and Greater Buckeye Conference champion setting a new meet record with her 39'25" throw, was the Northwest District champion, and placed 5th at Regional. She also began throwing some discus this year finishing 5th at the GBC and 5th at District.

PLEASANT-

## JON EHRMAN

A combination sprinter and pole vaulter for the Spartan track team, Jon provided stability for his team during the month of May. Although he competed in the 100-meter dash, and the 4 x 100 and 4 x 400-meter relays, Jon had his main success in the pole vault. He won the Mt. Glead Invitational and the MOAC, was 2nd at District, 4th at Regionals, and finished 9th at the State meet. A scholar athlete, Jon's best vault was 13'6" at District.

PLEASANT -

## BRITTNEY RABELL

During the month of May, Brittney helped lead the Lady Spartans track team to wins in multiple distance events. Her main success was with the 3200-meter relay team which won the Marion County meet, the Mt. Glead Invitational, and the MOAC meet. This team also took 4th at Districts, and finished 7th at Regionals just missing the opportunity to advance to the State meet. A scholar athlete, Brittney also ran the 4 x 400-meter relay and the 800-meter individual events.

RIDGEDALE -

## GARY BOSLEY

Gary had a great month of May where he led the Rocket track team to the Marion County Championship winning all 4 of his events at that meet. Gary qualified for State in 3 events: the long jump, placing 2nd at Regionals; 800-meter relay taking 3rd at Regionals; and the 1600-meter relay where he captured 1st at Regionals. The senior was also successful in his other events: 110-meter high hurdles, 300-meter hurdles, and shuttle hurdles.

RIDGEDALE -

## TIFFANY BOWMAN

A junior honor student and 3-year letter winner, Tiffany has proven herself to be a dedicated, hard working athlete for the Rocket track team. Continuing the momentum of her early season, Tiffany ran the 100- and 300-meter hurdles, shuttles, and the 400-, 800-, and 1600-meter relay races with much success. Eligible to compete in 4 events at District, Tiffany was able to qualify in 3 of those events for Regionals, finishing in 6th place in the 300 hurdles at that level.

RIVER VALLEY -

## AUSTIN LEVERING

Demonstrating leadership qualities through both words and actions, Austin participated in 3 field events for the Viking tracksters. Setting personal and meet records in each, Austin's best throw in shot put was 51'4"; in discus, his toss of 165'2" won the MOAC title, and his long jump of 20'4" captured that MOAC event title, as well. The junior also was successful as the anchor of the 400-meter relay team.

RIVER VALLEY -

## ERIN BALDINGER

Competing in the pole vault, 100-meter hurdles, 300-meter hurdles, and 1600-meter relay, Erin had great success in May for the Lady Viking track team. She won all 4 events at both the Marion County and MOAC meets. At District, the junior won the pole vault and qualified in both hurdle events for Regionals. There, Erin placed 2nd in the pole vault and 3rd in the 100 hurdles advancing her to State competition in both events.



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