

APRIL 2006

ATHLETE NOMINATIONS

Winners will be announced later this month.

Congratulations to all the nominees.

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**ELGIN –
WILL PRICE**

Elgin junior Will Price was one of the baseball Comet's biggest producers in April leading his team in multiple offensive categories. Batting 3rd in the order, Will carries a .444 batting average. His 36 hits include 3 home runs, 8 doubles, 1 triple, and 23 RBIs. He carries a slugging percentage of .559 and an on-base percentage of .459. Will also ranks near the top in many Mid-Ohio Athletic Conference offensive categories.



**ELGIN –
REBECCA GAMBY**

An April standout on the Lady Comet softball team, Rebecca led her team in almost every offensive category. Batting an average of .404, her 23 hits include 13 for extra bases: 1 home run, 4 triples, and 8 doubles. She also sports a .737 slugging percentage and a .500 on-base average. In addition, the sophomore provides sound defensive play, as well as great leadership from her catcher's position.



**MARION CATHOLIC –
JAROD MORGAN**

Jarod was the highest point-getter for the Marion Catholic boys track team. Running the 400-meter dash, Jarod placed 2nd 3 times and 3rd 4 times during the month of April consistently clocking 56 – 60 second times in this event. As one of the Irish's top sprinters, Jarod is also a member of all of his team's relay squads. In his first year at Marion Catholic, the junior is a 2-sport athlete also playing football.



**MARION CATHOLIC –
ARIS PERSINGER**

Aris' stats during the month of April reflect her importance to the Irish softball team. Dominating her opponents on the mound, Aris pitched 67 innings striking out 74, walking 23, and allowing only 22 earned runs. She has a 4 win, 3 loss conference and 6 win, 4 loss overall record. The junior pitched 2 perfect games and 2 shut outs. Productive at the plate, as well, Aris carries a .396 batting average with 4 doubles, 17 singles, 14 runs scored and 6 RBIs.



**MARION HARDING –
DA'VELL WINTERS**

Da'Vell performed extremely well for Harding's baseball team during the month of April. Offensively, he averaged .459 in 42 at bats that netted 5 walks and 17 hits. Those hits included 7 doubles, 1 triple, 1 home run, and 4 stolen bases. Defensively at catcher, Da'Vell committed only 2 passed balls while throwing out 8 runners attempting to steal and picking 3 others off first base.



**MARION HARDING –
SARAH WOODRUM**

The leading scorer for Harding's girl's varsity track team, Sarah competes in multiple events consistently winning or placing in each of them. These include the 200, 400, and 800-meter events, as well as the 800, 1600, and 3200-meter relay efforts. At the Marion Night Invitational, Sarah was part of a 3200 relay team whose time of 9:52 broke a 26-year old Harding record and 16-year old meet record. A true competitor, Sarah displays an outstanding work ethic.



**PLEASANT–
RICK WILKINSON**

April was a successful month for Rick and the Spartan baseball team. As a pitcher, he was 7-0 with 2 saves and a 1.38 ERA in 40-2/3 innings facing 154 batters. When not pitching, Rick played 3rd base. Offensively, he batted .410 with a .540 slugging percentage that featured 21 hits and 19 RBIs. During the month, Rick was selected 610 WTVN Player of the Week, and he also set the career pitching wins at Pleasant and is still counting.



**PLEASANT –
LAURA WILLIAMS**

Laura scored 174 points for an outstanding start on the Lady Spartans track team. She amassed 20 1st-place finishes in 5 different events setting meet records in 4 of those events. Laura competes in pole vault, high jump, long jump, triple jump, 100-meter high hurdles, and shuttle hurdles. Also during this time, Laura got the girls Division II state record in the pole vault by jumping 12 feet.



**RIDGEDALE –
BRAD LAUCHER**

Brad led the Rocket baseball team in almost every offensive category during April. The senior carried a .431 batting average and .828 slugging percentage that resulted in 27 runs scored and 26 RBIs. His 25 hits included 5 home runs, 1 triple, 4 doubles, and 17 singles. Brad also played a very solid shortstop carrying a .868 fielding percentage. A scholar athlete, Brad is ranked 1st in his class.



**RIDGEDALE –
ELIZABETH ROWLAND**

A hard-playing athlete, Liz is very instrumental in leading a young Lady Rocket softball team to improve. A junior, Liz carried a .492 batting average, .793 slugging percentage, and .492 on-base percentage throughout the month of April. She had 31 hits, scored 13 runs, 13 RBIs, 2 home runs, 2 triples, 2 doubles, with 6 stolen bases. Liz's fielding percentage was an outstanding .962. As a pitcher, she has a 2.5 ERA and held opposing teams to a .202 batting average.



**RIVER VALLEY –
CORY HELMAN**

April was an excellent month for Cory as a part of the 12-6 Viking baseball team. From the mound, the junior threw for a 1.63 ERA that included a 1-hit game, a 2-hit game, and 25 strikeouts in 30 innings pitched. Offensively, Cory carried a .367 average on 22 hits that included a triple, a double, 19 runs scored, 14 RBIs, and 7 stolen bases. A complete player, Cory also played a great centerfield.



**RIVER VALLEY –
CARRIE BURGGRAF**

Dedication in her training and in her team has paid off for Carrie in an outstanding April as part of the Viking track and field team. The senior had multiple 1st and 2nd place finishes in the pole vault and long jump events. Carrie was also part of the often winning 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams. In addition, she had placed 3rd in the 100-meter dash. Carrie is an outstanding leader as her team's captain.



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