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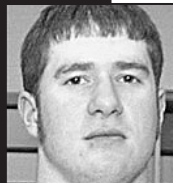
JANUARY 2005

ATHLETE NOMINATIONS

Winners will be announced later
this month.

Congratulations to all the nominees.

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ELGIN – **ANDY GREENWOOD**

Andy is a leader on the Elgin Comet basketball team, with a positive attitude that becomes infectious among his teammates. Having earned his 2nd varsity letter, Andy has served as a captain and is a cornerstone on both offense and defense. His post position requires him to frequently defend strong opposing players. Andy's average offensive stats for January include a team-leading 7.25 rebounds, as well as 6 points, 2 assists, and 1 block per game.



ELGIN – **JOCELYN UTE**

A consistent scorer for the Lady Comet basketball team, Jocelyn helped her team to a 7-1 January record. A 2-year letter winner, Jocelyn averaged 12.3 points per game, shooting 42% from the floor, 36% from the 3-point line, and 78% from the charity stripe. She also averaged 3 rebounds, 2 steals, 3 blocks, and 1.6 deflections per game. Jocelyn is a scholar athlete.



MARION CATHOLIC – **KYLE REIFF**

A sophomore, Kyle had a very good January for the Irish hoopsters. He averaged 12.3 points per game, 6.8 rebounds, shot 50% from the field, 68% from the free throw line, and averaged 2.6 blocks per game. His willingness to improve has resulted in Kyle becoming a force on both ends of the floor. Aiding this progression is Kyle's love of the game. His upbeat attitude helps keep his senior teammates loose and playing in rhythm on game nights.



MARION CATHOLIC – **LAUREN FLOWERS**

Playing point guard for the Lady Irish basketball team, Lauren's outstanding month helped lead her team to a 7-1 January record. During that time, she averaged 17.2 points, 6.1 assists, and 5 steals per game. She shot 46% from 2-point range, 30% from behind the 3-point arc, and 68% from the free throw line. Lauren is a good defender, and the senior's consistency helps make her teammates better.



MARION HARDING – **AARON PITTS**

Aaron is a senior captain for Harding's basketball cagers. His impressive statistics all rank in the top 5 in the Greater Buckeye Conference, where he also leads in assists. Aaron's remarkable January averages were 15.1 points, 2.6 assists, and 8 rebounds per game. He shoots 43% from the 2-point range, 33% from the 3-point arc, and 65% from the charity stripe.



MARION HARDING – **HEIDI CLARK**

Heidi posted her best times to date in January for the Harding swim team. Her time in the 500 freestyle is faster than any swimmer, male or female, in Marion County. In fact, at the Marion County Championships where she was named Female Swimmer of the Year, Heidi was 1 minute, 13 seconds faster in the 500 than her nearest competitor. The senior team captain also swims the 200 freestyle, and is a member of the 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams.



PLEASANT – **BRAD MARTIN**

Unselfish and highly respected by his teammates, Brad had a very consistent month for the Spartan hoopsters. In January's 7 games, Brad led his team to a 6-1 record by averaging 10 points per game while shooting 65% from the floor and 62% from the free throw line. He also averaged 7 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 assists, and 2.1 blocks per contest. As a post player, Brad stabilizes the inside both offensively and defensively.



PLEASANT – **ERIN KUME**

A team captain, Erin leads her Lady Spartan basketball teammates by her example on the floor. Playing the post position, Erin helped her team to a 5-2 January record. Shooting 44% from the field and 63% from the foul line, Erin averaged 13.3 points per game. She also averaged 9.7 rebounds, 1.7 assists, 2 steals, and 1 block per game.



RIDGEDALE – **J. R. WESTON**

In his freshman year, J. R. has taken on any role the Rocket basketball team needed this season. In January's 7 games, he averaged 13.2 points per game shooting 51% from inside the 3-point arc, 43% outside the arc, and 72% from the free throw line. At 6'3", J. R. also had 16 offensive rebounds, 18 defensive rebounds, 15 assists, 5 blocked shots, and 9 steals during the month. J. R. carries a 4.0 grade average.



RIDGEDALE – **JESSI WHEELER**

Both a mentally and physically tough player, Jessi led the Lady Rocket cagers to a 6-2 January record. The senior averaged 8.1 points per game, shooting 46% from 2-point range, 33% from 3-point range, and 53% from the charity stripe. She also averaged 5 rebounds, 5 assists, and 4 steals per game. At only 5'2", Jessi draws the opponent's best players regardless of their size and often holds them to single-digit scoring.



RIVER VALLEY – **MITCH POSEY**

Mitch swims for the River Valley Vikings in the 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 500 freestyle, 200 individual medley, 200 freestyle relay, and 400 freestyle relay. During January, Mitch racked up 6 first-place and 2 second-place finishes in individual events, and 8 first-place finishes in relay events. The sophomore currently holds the school record in the 200 individual medley, 50 freestyle, and 100 freestyle.



RIVER VALLEY – **DANI MYERS**

Swimming the 100 butterfly, 200 individual medley, 200 medley relay, and 400 freestyle events for the Viking swim team, Dani had a good January. She placed first 4 times and second 5 times in individual events, along with 3 first places finishes each in the 200 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay. The freshman also currently holds the school record in the 200 individual medley.

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