

JANUARY 2006

ATHLETE NOMINATIONS

Winners will be announced later this month.

Congratulations to all the nominees.

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**ELGIN –
MATT MARGALA**

A junior, Matt was an integral part of leading the basketball Comets to a 6-2 January record. The man in the middle of the Comet defense, Matt often defends a larger opposing player. Offensively, he is a threat from both the inside and out. Averaging 10 points per game, Matt shoots 50% from the field and 67% from the charity stripe. He averaged 8 rebounds, 2 assists, and 1.5 blocks per game. An outstanding scholar athlete, Matt carries a 3.964 GPA.



**ELGIN –
JESSICA JENNETTE**

During the month of January, Jessica contributed to the Lady Comets' successful 5-1 record (3-0 in the MOAC) not only through her basketball skills, but also with her leadership abilities both on and off the court. The senior captain averaged 14.7 points per game, shooting 63.5% from the floor. Defensively, Jessica averaged 4.5 rebounds, 3.5 assists, 3.5 steals, and 5.2 deflections per game.



**MARION CATHOLIC –
KYLE REIFF**

A 6'5" junior captain for the Irish basketball team, Kyle is a combination guard/forward/center who runs the floor and is as comfortable at point guard as at center. In his 2nd season as a varsity starter, Kyle averaged 26 points per game shooting 57% from 2-point and 44% from 3-point range in January. He also averaged 13 rebounds, 2 steals and 2.3 blocks per game. Kyle led the NWCC league in points per contest, rebounds, and 3-point shooting percentage.



**MARION CATHOLIC –
HANNAH REIFF**

A solid leader on the floor who works hard to lead the young Lady Irish basketball team, Hannah's shooting percentage of 53% tops the NWCC conference. Her average of 17 points and 9 rebounds per contest in January both rank the 3rd highest in the NWCC. The sophomore also averaged 65% from the free throw line, 2 assists and 3 steals. Not the typical post player, Hannah also distributes the ball and plays sound defense.



**MARION HARDING –
KORY KIRKPATRICK**

Kory had another outstanding month for the President's basketball team in January. Averaging 14 points per game, Kory shot 44% from the field, 37.4% from beyond the 3-point line, and 74% from the foul line. He also averaged 2.2 rebounds and 1.5 assists per contest. A co-captain even though he's a sophomore clearly indicates that his teammates respect Kory's work ethic and leadership. This scholar athlete also maintains a grade point average of 3.5 or better.



**MARION HARDING –
KRISTEN GANDEE**

Senior Kristin has led the Harding Women's Swim Team all season, and had an impressive month of January dropping time in her events at almost every opportunity. A team co-captain, she swims the 200 Freestyle and 100 Backstroke, as well as part of the 200 Medley and 400 Freestyle relay teams. Kristen received the Coach's Award for her hard work and diligence; as well as earning the Female Swimmer of the Meet Award at the recent Tri-County Championships.



**PLEASANT –
MATT REYNOLDS**

Wrestling for the Spartans, Matt was undefeated during the month of January in the 112-weight class. Currently ranked #1 in the Central District at his weight class in Division III, Matt was named 1st Team Central District All Star. Winning the North Union and the Sally George Invationals, as well as 4 dual meets, 5 of Matt's wins came over wrestlers listed in the Brankman Report, a statewide wrestling ranking system.



**PLEASANT –
ASHLEY ANDREWS**

Helping the Lady Spartan basketball team to a 5-2 January record, Ashley is very good at seeing the floor and getting the ball to the open person. She averaged 10.2 points for the month, shooting 42% from the field and 56% from the charity stripe. Ashley also averaged 4.5 rebounds, 5.2 steals and 7.3 assists. She ended the month needing only 2 more assists to set a new single-season assist record at Pleasant.



**RIDGEDALE –
J.R. WESTON**

A sophomore, J.R. has started every game for the Rocket basketball team since his freshman year. Leading his team to a 6-2 record in January, J.R. shot 69% from 2-point range, 42% from beyond the 3-point arc, and 72% from the free throw line. He also averaged 6.1 rebounds, 1.5 steals, and 2.75 assists per game. An Honor Student, J.R. maintains a 4.0 GPA.



**RIDGEDALE –
MEGAN GALYK**

Very coachable and always willing to do what is asked of her, Megan demonstrates a good work ethic for the Lady Rocket basketball team. In January, the senior averaged 10.7 points per game shooting 47% from the field, 67% from 3-point range, and 86% from the foul line. She also averaged 3 rebounds, 2.2 assists, .7 blocks, and 3 steals. Megan is not only a good athlete, but a good student, as well.



**RIVER VALLEY –
KYLE PETERSON**

Playing against every opponent's best defensive player, Kyle still managed to average 17.7 points per game during the month for the Viking basketball squad. The junior also had 7.1 rebounds, 2.1 steals, and 2.3 assists per game in leading his team to a 5-2 January record. An outstanding student athlete, Kyle maintains a 4.0 grade point average and is a member of the National Honor Society.



**RIVER VALLEY –
SAMANTHA BIGFORD**

Samantha is an outstanding athlete for River Valley's Lady Viking basketball team. Averaging 4.8 points per game and shooting 50% from the field and 60% from the free throw line during the month of January, Samantha also delivered 5.2 rebounds and 1.7 steals per game. She is also a good student carrying a 3.34 grade point average.



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