

JANUARY 2007

ATHLETE NOMINATIONS

Winners will be announced later this month.

Congratulations to all the nominees.

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ELGIN –

MATT MARGALA

A reliable force for the Comets at both ends of the basketball court, Matt's efforts contributed to a 5-2 January record. Offensively, the senior is a threat as both an inside and outside scorer who averaged 13 points per game during January. Matt also averaged 7.8 rebounds and 2 assists per game. Defensively, he always draws the task of defending the opposing team's post player and had 8 blocks on the month.

ELGIN –

REBECCA GAMBY

Rebecca had a very consistent month of January helping lead the Lady Comet basketball team to a 3-2 record and adding to their overall 16-5 season. Throughout the month, the junior averaged 7.4 points, 5 rebounds, and 1 steal per game. A well-rounded scholar athlete, Rebecca excels in 3 varsity sports while maintaining a 3.786 grade point average.

MARION CATHOLIC –

KYLE REIFF

Scoring his 1,000th career point earlier in the 2006-2007 season, Kyle has been a dependable entity for the Fighting Irish basketball team. Shooting 53% from the field and 84% from the free throw line in January, Kyle averaged 17.4 points, 11.9 rebounds, and 3 blocks per game. He also had 5 double-doubles in January, with 12 on the season. An outstanding student and role model, Kyle's work ethic and leadership continues to be beneficial to a young varsity team.

MARION CATHOLIC –

MARY FRAGALE

Having led the Lady Irish basketball team in scoring in 4 of their 7 January games, Mary averaged 15.29 points and 3.5 assists per game. The senior also made significant contributions defensively, averaging 3.6 steals. A characteristic that doesn't show up in the stats, is Mary's willingness to put her teammates above herself. A natural shooting guard asked to take on the role of point guard, she has embodied the definition of a positive team player.

MARION HARDING –

ISAIAH TWINE

A 6'1" sophomore point guard for Harding, Isaiah is a gifted player who is capable of scoring, passing, ball-handling, defending, and rebounding. In January's 8-game stretch, he averaged 14.4 points, 3.9 assists, 3.7 rebounds, and 1.8 steals per game. Percentage-wise, Isaiah was 38% from the floor, 31% from 3-point range, and 67% from the charity stripe. A versatile player, Isaiah is an excellent student.

MARION HARDING –

MELODY WHITTINGTON

Captain of the Harding Women's swim team, Melody earned her 4th letter this year. The senior has been a District qualifier in all 4 years. She swims multiple events including the 50 and 100 freestyle, the 50 and 100 butterfly, and the 200 Individual Medley. Winning 9 of 10 dual meets in the butterfly, Melody has an equally impressive record in the 200 Individual Medley and her time in the Freestyle relay is as fast as most of the men on the team.

PLEASANT –

JEDD MOORE

Ranked #1 in his weight class in the state of Ohio in Division III, 152-pound Jedd went 12-0 in the month of January for the Spartan wrestling team. During this time, he had 9 pins and 3 major decisions and scored 41 takedowns while not giving up a single takedown. Jedd's performances led his team to the Division III State Dual Championship, as well as the team title in the Sally George Invitational.

PLEASANT –

TIFFANY MAUK

Overall, Tiffany had an outstanding month of January for the Lady Spartan basketball team. In 6 games played, Tiffany averaged 13.3 points per game and shot 55.8% from the field and 75.9% from the free throw line. She averaged 5.5 rebounds, 3 steals, and 1 assist while only turning the ball over 9 times. Playing all season with a torn ACL, Tiffany's coverage on the court makes her a special player.

RIDGEDALE –

J.R. WESTON

Scoring his 1000th career point on January 12 on a dunk, J.R. became only the 8th male Rocket basketball player to achieve this milestone. Leading his team to a 5-1 January record, J.R. averaged 21.1 points per game shooting 61% from 2-point range, 29.2% from 3-point range, and 77.4% from the charity stripe. J.R. also nabbed 47 rebounds and 11 steals, and had 11 assists for the month. A scholar athlete, J.R. carries a 4.0 grade point average.

RIDGEDALE –

KERISSA JOHNSON

Only a freshman, Kerissa is the leading scorer for the Lady Rocket basketball team. In the 6 games played in January, Kerissa averaged 10 points per game shooting 38% from 2-point range, 32% from 3-point range, and 55% from the foul line. She also added 13 rebounds, 12 assists, and 14 steals on the month. A very unselfish player, Kerissa sees the floor very well and works hard at getting her teammates involved.

RIVER VALLEY –

KYLE PETERSON

While leading the Viking basketball team to a 6-0 record in January, Kyle scored his 1000th career point in River Valley's win over Mt. Gilead. During the month, the senior averaged 20.7 points per game shooting 84% from the free throw line and 48% from the floor. He also averaged 5 rebounds, 2 steals, and 2.8 assists per game.

RIVER VALLEY –

JESSICA PRICE

Jessica led the Lady Viking basketball team to a 5-2 record in the month of January. She had 2 outstanding games during the month. Against Ridgmont, Jessica had a triple-double with 16 points, 11 rebounds, and 10 steals. She also had a double-double against West Jefferson with 10 points and 11 rebounds. Overall in the 7 game period, Jessica averaged 9.5 points, 6.3 rebounds, 3.2 assists, and 4.3 steals per game.



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