

MARCH 2006

## ATHLETE NOMINATIONS

Winners will be announced later this month.

Congratulations to all the nominees.

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**ELGIN –  
NIC LAUER**

Elgin's basketball team racked up a season record of 18-4, 12-1 in the MOAC, due in large part to Nic' efforts. The 3-year letter winner has been an integral part of the Comets' 3 straight MOAC championships, and is credited with doing all of the intangibles that don't always show up in the box score but are important to the team's success. A senior co-captain, Nic is a very solid defensive player. His stats include 4.6 points, 3.1 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 steal per game.



**ELGIN –  
JOCELYN UTE**

Finishing the season with a 20-3 record, 12-1 in the MOAC, the Lady Comets' success was due in large part to the efforts of Jocelyn. As a junior, she received 1st Team MOAC and 1st Team District 11 honors. Jocelyn's statistical achievements include an average of: 14 points and 3 assists per game, as well as 3.1 rebounds and 2 steals per game.



**MARION CATHOLIC –  
KYLE REIFF**

A 6'5" junior captain for the Irish basketball team, Kyle is a combination guard/forward/center who led his team in almost all statistical categories. In his 2nd season as a varsity starter, Kyle also led the NWCC conference in scoring and rebounding. Receiving All-State Honorable Mention, the NWCC named Kyle to their 1st Team where he was runner-up player of the year. He was also named 1st Team District 11 by the coaches and 2nd Team Central District by the media.



**MARION CATHOLIC –  
MARY FRAGLE**

Mary was the Lady Irish basketball team's 2nd leading scorer averaging 10.5 points, 3.65 assists, 2.10 steals, and 3.75 rebounds per game. Her stats for assists were 2nd in the NWCC; and average points and steals were 9th in the NWCC. For her efforts, the junior earned District 11 Honorable Mention and Northwest Conference Honorable Mention awards. A 3-sport athlete, Mary has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the 2005-2006 school year.



**MARION HARDING –  
ANDREW GUSHARD**

Wrestling in the 135-pound weight class for the Presidents, Andrew had a great year with 33 wins and 8 losses – 2 of those losses were to the eventual Division 1 state champion. Andrew racked up 25 pins, 3 tech falls, 45 near falls, and 87 takedowns. He placed 1st in the Greater Buckeye Conference, 1st in the Division I Northwest District, and finished 5th in the Division I Northwest District regional earning him a place as a state finalist.



**MARION HARDING –  
JESSICA JENKINS**

Jessica had an outstanding year leading the Lady President's hoopsters to a 17-7 season. A 2nd-year letter winner as a sophomore, Jessica set a number of school records including most 3-point field goals in a game and a year, best 3-point percentage, and most assists for a season. She was named 1st Team Greater Buckeye Conference, 1st Team District 6, 2nd Team Northwest District, and All-Ohio Honorable Mention. Jessica also is a straight A student.



**PLEASANT–  
STEVE WILSON**

Wrestling in the 138-pound weight class, Steve finished the season with a 38-8 record on his way to a 4th place finish in the OSHAA State Championship. Steve lead the Spartans in wins, pins (tying the school record), takedowns, nearfalls (setting a new school record), and reversals. He was a Central District All Star and was named 1st Team Columbus All Metro, as well as being ranked No. 1 in his weight class all year in the Central District Coaches Association Poll.



**PLEASANT –  
DARIAN HEMPHY**

A well-rounded player that helped the Lady Spartan basketball team to MOAC and Sectional Championships and a District Runner-up spot, Darian averaged 9.5 points per game shooting 47% from the field and 42% from the foul line. She also averaged 5.1 rebounds, 3.5 steals, and 1.7 assists per game. Earning a starting position as a freshman, Darian was selected Honorable Mention All-MOAC and 2nd Team All District 11.



**RIDGEDALE –  
KENT HAMILTON**

Kent started all 24 games where his leadership and hard work was key to the Rocket basketball team's 18-6 record featuring Division IV District and MOAC Blue Division Championships. Kent averaged 8.3 points per game. Although he played the point position, Kent still pulled down 18 offensive and 37 defensive rebounds on the season. An honor student and multi-sport athlete, the senior called a lot of plays that set up other team members to be successful.



**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. On the season, the senior averaged 11.3 points per game shooting 39% from the floor, 29% from 3-point range, and 71% from the charity stripe. She also averaged 4.6 rebounds and 2.5 assists per game, with 10 blocks on the year. Megan is not only a good athlete, but a good student, as well.



**RIVER VALLEY –  
MITCHELL POSEY**

Mitch was the 1st Viking male swimmer to qualify for the Division 1 Central District Meet where he set a new school record in the 50-yard freestyle at 23.49 seconds. The junior had 24 1st-place, 3 2nd-place, and 2 3rd-place finishes on the season. An outstanding leader, Mitch currently holds 8 of 11 boys school records: 50, 100, 200 and 500-meter freestyle, individual medley, 200 and 400 freestyle relay, and the 200 medley relay.



**RIVER VALLEY –  
LYDIA STEED**

The Lady Viking swimming team captain, Lydia puts a lot of hard work into her sport that has paid off with 1st-place finishes in 11 events and 2nd-place in 12 events during 8 meets. The senior holds individual team records in the 50 and 100 freestyle events, and team relay records in the 200 and 400 freestyle, and 200 medley relay. Lydia qualified for the Central District Meet where she swam to a 21st-place finish in the 50-meter freestyle and 28th-place in the 100 freestyle.



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