

MAY 2005

ATHLETE NOMINATIONS

Winners will be announced later this month.

Congratulations to all the nominees.

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**ELGIN –
JORDAN HILGENBERG**

Jordan is a member of the Comet track team. The junior competes in both the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdles. Jordan won the 110m hurdle event at the Mt. Gilead Invitational. He was 2nd in the 300m hurdles at Mt. Gilead and MOAC League meets; and was 3rd in both events at the Marion County Meet. Jordan also is a pole vaulter, as well as being a member of the 4 x 400-meter relay team. He qualified for the OHSAA District Tournament in 2 events.



**ELGIN –
MOLLY CREAMER**

A 3-sport letter winner and a scholar athlete, Molly specializes in the weight events for the Lady Comet track team. In shot put, she was 1st at the Marion County Meet, and 2nd at the Mt. Gilead Invitational and MOAC League Meet. In discus, the senior was 1st at Mt. Gilead and MOAC, and 4th at the Marion County Meet. At the OHSAA tournament, Molly won the District in discus and placed 7th at the Regional in discus.



**MARION CATHOLIC –
LEON BRADY**

During the month of May, Leon was the Marion Catholic track team's most consistent performer. Excelling in several events for the Irish, Leon competed in the 200-meter and 400-meter runs, the 4 x 400 relay, and the long jump. The senior qualified for the OHSAA District in 3 events and OHSAA Regional in 2 events. Leon is commended as a great teammate and leader. His enthusiasm has helped his younger teammates immeasurably.



**MARION CATHOLIC –
REBECCA PRICE**

Rebecca's skill and poise for a freshman were outstanding and had a great impact on the success of the Lady Irish softball team. A shortstop, she consistently delivered in the clutch assisting her team in winning their 4th straight NWCC title, the Sectional Tournament, and on into the Districts. Rebecca batted .375 in May while driving in 7 runs. She had 3 game-winning RBIs, while scoring 4 runs and carrying a .978 fielding percentage.



**MARION HARDING –
DA'VELL WINTERS**

Consistent both at the plate and in the field, Da'Vell had an outstanding May for the President's baseball team batting .368 for the month. Named 1st Team Greater Buckeye Conference, Da'Vell was the only sophomore in the entire conference to receive that honor. He also received 2nd Team Northwest District honors. Da'Vell's coaches feel he has the potential to be one of the best players to graduate from Marion Harding High School.



**MARION HARDING –
AMBER BECK**

Amber had a remarkable May for the Lady President's softball team. A pitcher, the senior was 7-3 with all of her losses being 2-1 games. She had a 1.12 ERA; and in 69 innings, Amber had 57 strikeouts and 12 walks. Also talented at the plate, she led the team in RBI's with 15, batted over .320, and had an on-base percentage of .400. Amber was named Pitcher of the Year in the Greater Buckeye Conference and received Honorable Mention All Northwest District.



**PLEASANT –
NICK DISANTIS**

Nick had a great May for the Spartan tracksters. In both the county and MOAC meets, he won the 100-meter dash, the 200m dash, and was the anchor on the winning 4 x 100m and 4 x 200m relay teams. At Districts, Nick also won the 100m dash and again anchored the winning 4 x 100m and 4 x 200m teams. At the OHSAA Regionals, he finished 7th in the 100m and was part of the 4 x 100m relay team that finished 4th and qualified for the State meet.



**PLEASANT –
ASHLEY NEIDHART**

As a sophomore, Ashley had a very productive month for the Spartan track team. Scoring 53-3/4 points to help her team win the Blue Division in the MOAC, Ashley consistently won the 800-meter run at area meets, placing 3rd at the MOAC championships and 2nd at Districts. She also anchored the successful 4 x 400m and 4 x 800m relay teams that came in 3rd and 2nd respectively at Districts qualifying them for Regionals.



**RIDGEDALE –
JAKE LUCAS**

Jake participated in the weight events for the Rocket track team. The junior had a great May as he earned 50 points collecting Marion County, MOAC, and District championships in the shot put. Jake placed 6th in shot at Regionals, which qualified him to participate in the OHSAA Division III State meet. His 53' throw ranks Jake among the best shot putters in Ohio. Jake also competes at discus, where he placed 6th out of 14 teams at District.



**RIDGEDALE –
LIZ ROWLAND**

A pitcher for the Lady Rocket softball team, Liz had an ERA of 1.40 in 3 starts and 1 relief. She faced 94 batters, got 13 strikeouts, and held opposing teams to a .149 batting average. Offensively as a hitter, Liz averaged .438. In 16 at bats, the sophomore had 7 hits, 3 doubles, scored 2 runs, and garnered a slugging percentage of .563.



**RIVER VALLEY –
MATT LONG**

This was the first year on the Viking track team for junior Matt. He stepped into place as a distance runner, and performed extremely well in the 1600 and 3200-meter runs, as well as various distance relays. Matt won the 3200 and placed 2nd in the 1600 at the MOAC championships. He also placed 2nd in the 1600 and 4th in the 3200-meter events at Districts, which qualified him for Regionals. There, he ran 4:34.71 in the 1600 for a 7th-place finish.



**RIVER VALLEY –
CARRIE BURGGRAF**

Carrie participated in a number of events for the Lady Viking track team. She was part of winning efforts at both the Marion County and MOAC meets for the 4 x 100 and 4 x 200-meter relay teams. Individually, Carrie won the long jump at the County meet, was 2nd at the MOAC, 3rd at Districts, and finished 7th at Regionals. In the pole vault, she was 2nd at the County and MOAC meets as well as at District; and was 5th overall at the OHSAA's Regional event.



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