

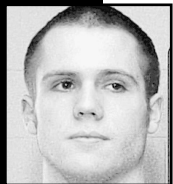


MAY 2006

ATHLETE NOMINATIONS

Winners will be announced later this month. Congratulations to all the nominees.

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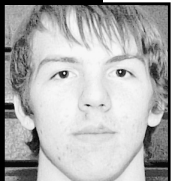
ELGIN – JORDAN HILGENBERG

Jordan was one of the most consistent performers for the Comet track team this spring, and had an especially productive May. The senior specialized in hurdles, running the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdles where he consistently had high-place finishes in the county, conference, and district meets. Jordan earned his 4th-year letter in track and field, as well as the Ohio High School Athletic Association Sportsmanship Award.



ELGIN – LARA STOVER

A freshman, Lara proved to be both a reliable and steady member of the Comet track team. Specializing in pole vault, Lara set a new school record of 8 feet at the Marion County Meet. She also did well at the MOAC (7'6") and Central District (7") meets, and qualified to compete in the Division II Regional track meet.



MARION CATHOLIC – JAROD MORGAN

Jarod was the 2nd highest point-getter for the Marion Catholic boys track team with the highest place finishes of the team. Running the 400-meter dash, Jarod consistently clocked 56 – 60 second times. In his first year at Marion Catholic, the junior came in 3rd at the Northwest Central Conference in this event behind the eventual state champion. As one of the Irish's top sprinters, Jarod was also a member of all of his team's relay squads.



MARION CATHOLIC – ARIS PERSINGER

Aris' stats reflect her importance to the Irish softball team's success. Dominating her opponents on the mound, Aris pitched 99 innings during the season striking out 106, walking 27, and allowing only 28 earned runs. The junior pitched 2 perfect games and 2 shut outs. Productive at the plate, as well, Aris carried a 355% batting average on the season with 5 doubles, 19 singles with an on-base percentage of 355%, 21 runs scored and 8 RBIs.



MARION HARDING – NICK LASKARIS

One of the hardest working tennis players in the area, Nick strives to improve his already excellent game each and every day. His record for May for the President was 11 wins with only 2 losses. An outstanding team leader, Nick was voted to the 1st Team for the Greater Buckeye Conference. A scholar athlete, Nick maintains a perfect 4.0 grade point average.



MARION HARDING – SARAH WOODRUM

Continuing as the leading scorer for Harding's girl's varsity track team, Sarah competes in multiple events consistently winning or placing. These include the 200-, 400-, and 800-meter events, as well as the 800, 1600-, and 3200-meter relay efforts. At the Marion Night Invitational, Sarah was part of a 3200 relay team whose time of 9:52 broke a 26-year old Harding record and 16-year old meet record. A true competitor, Sarah displays an outstanding work ethic.



PLEASANT – CHRIS EHRMAN

As a pole vaulter, Chris had a very good month of May for the Spartan track team. Undefeated in this event, Chris won the Marion County meet (14'), Elgin Relays (13'6"), MOAC (13'), District (13'9"), and the Regional (14'). A tireless worker, Chris was also a sprinter on the 4 x 100 and the 4 x 400 relay teams. Chris' 4 x 100 relay team placed 4th in the District and 7th in the Regional; while his 4 x 400 relay team placed 3rd in the District qualifying for the Regional meet.



PLEASANT – LINDSAY ALTHOUSE

Lindsay had a very productive May for the Lady Spartan softball team as she helped them finish 5-2 for the month. Leading by example, Lindsay directed the outfield from her center field position and had no errors defensively for the month. Offensively, Lindsay went 7 for 21 from the plate for a .333 batting average with 2 walks, 3 stolen bases, and 3 RBIs. Her on-base percentage for the month was .450 and her slugging percentage was .333.



RIDGEDALE – JAKE LUCAS

A senior, Jake lead the Rocket track team by scoring 82 points during the month of May. In shot, Jake placed 1st at the Marion County Meet, Mt. Gilead Invitational, Districts, and Regionals, and 2nd at the MOAC Meet with distances of 49'8" to 52'5". In discus, Jake set a new school and Marion County Meet record at 154'2". In that event, he also placed 1st at the Mt. Gilead Invitational, MOAC, and Districts, and 7th at Regionals.



RIDGEDALE – TIFFANY BOWMAN

Only a sophomore, Tiffany has demonstrated great leadership qualities for the Rocket track team. She competes in multiple events, including the 100- and 300-meter hurdles and as part of the 400- and 1600-meter relay teams. Consistently placing in the top 5 at the Marion County Meet, Mt. Gilead Invitational, and Districts, Tiffany qualified in 2 events at Regionals where she placed 8th in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 48.21.



RIVER VALLEY – T. J. BADERTSCHER

T. J. had a great month for the Viking track team breaking his own 3200-meter run record 3 times, winning the Districts, placing 4th at Regionals, and qualifying for state competition in this event. T. J.'s best time in the 3200 was 9:49:35. The junior also had success as part of the 3200-meter relay team – which also qualified for Regionals – and the 1600-meter run.



RIVER VALLEY – LAUREN MORROW

Offensively for the Lady Viking softball team, Lauren carried a .364 batting average with 28 hits that included 6 doubles, 1 triple, 1 home run, 10 runs scored, and 24 RBIs. With 5 walks, Lauren's on-base percentage was .387, and she had a .506 slugging percentage. As a pitcher, the sophomore had 11 wins and 9 losses with a 1.31 ERA allowing only 28 runs in 149.67 innings. Lauren was awarded 1st Team All-MOAC and 2nd Team Central District honors.



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