

SEPTEMBER 2005

ATHLETE NOMINATIONS

Winners will be announced later this month.

Congratulations to all the nominees.

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**ELGIN –
MICHAEL MATHEY**

Earning his 3rd varsity letter, Michael led the Comet football team to a perfect 5-0 September. Offensively from the quarterback position, the senior racked up 746 yards passing hitting 53% of his passes, 10 of them for touchdowns. He also ran for 150 yards on 24 rushes, 2 of them TDs. Defensively as free safety, Michael made 21 tackles, 1 interception, and 5 pass break ups. A leader, this is Michael's second year as team captain.



**ELGIN –
AMANDA WORSTELL**

Senior captain Amanda earned her 4th varsity volleyball letter for the Comets. Leading her team to a 14-2 September record, Amanda serves at 94% with 30 aces and 135 points. She is 94% at receiving, 96% passing, 45 of 45 setting with 15 assists, and 191 digs. On attacks, Amanda is 91% with 131 kills. Her work ethic and dedication is also reflected in the classroom as this scholar athlete is ranked #1 in her class with a 4.3 GPA.



**MARION CATHOLIC –
KYLE REIFF**

Kyle doesn't spend much time on the sidelines for the 2005 gridiron Irish. Playing tight end on offense, almost 60% of the team's successful runs go towards Kyle's side. The junior also plays defensive end and linebacker on defense, as well as being the team's punter. As the Fighting Irish's biggest deep threat, Kyle had 9 receptions that averaged 29 yards per catch. Two of these receptions resulted in touchdowns.



**MARION CATHOLIC –
MARY RICHARDSON**

Meriting her 3rd varsity letter for the Fighting Irish volleyball team, Mary led the team in attacks (446 of 494), kills (139), and blocks (125) during September. She was also the team's 2nd leading scorer with 114 points and has an 84.8% serving accuracy with 22 aces. A well-rounded athlete, Mary is aggressive and smart with a great deal of court awareness. As middle blocker/middle hitter, the junior is very coachable and always willing to go the extra



**MARION HARDING –
PHIL SHEPHERD**

Offensively, Phil plays wide receiver for the Marion Harding football team. He has 22 catches averaging 13.8 yards with 1 touchdown. Defensively at free safety, Phil has 36 total tackles and 2 interceptions. He also has 8 punt returns averaging 13.8 yards per return. The senior set 2 school records during the month of September: most receptions in a game with 9, and most receiving yards with 161 in one game.



**MARION HARDING –
TAYLOR MCCURDY**

Taylor runs cross country for the Lady Presidents. The junior set a new school record at the Ontario Invitational, which she won, with a time of 19:22. Taylor also placed 1st at the Galion Dual, 4th at Crawford County, 3rd at the Elks Invitational, 10th at the Tiffin Invitational, 19th at the Galion Invitational, and 6th at the Lexington Invitational.



**PLEASANT –
BRAD MARTIN**

Brad has made an impact for his football team playing multiple positions. Offensively at tight end, Brad has 21 receptions for 372 yards and 1 TD. As an offensive lineman, he's graded above 90% on tackle assignments for every game. Beginning the season as a defensive end then switching to free safety, Brad recorded 35 tackles, 2 interceptions, and 2 fumble recoveries during September. The senior captain is also the Spartan's punter and place kicker.



**PLEASANT –
ABBEY SWANEY**

Playing #2 singles for the Spartan tennis team, Abbey netted a 15-3 record during August and September that included a 1st-place finish at the River Valley Invitational and a 2nd-place finish at the Ontario Invitational. Elected team captain by her peers, Abbey is a consistent performer that leads by example both on and off the court. She also carries a 4.0 grade point average.



**RIDGEDALE –
KENT HAMILTON**

In the month of September, Kent led the Rocket golf team in almost all categories. He had the lowest scoring average for 9 and 18 holes, 40.35 and 84.2 respectively. Kent also had the 2nd highest number of birdies (8), the highest number of pars (100), and the lowest number of bogies, double bogies, and higher scores. With an impressive individual record, the senior qualified for Districts in October and was awarded 1st-Team MOAC honors.



**RIDGEDALE –
SARAH JOHNSTON**

Obtaining her 3rd varsity letter in volleyball, Sarah embodies the definition of team captain with her dedication, work ethic, determination and desire. Acting as the setter in a 5-1 offense, Sarah controls the ball on every play. She leads the team in total points (113), serves at 98% (with 10 aces), passes at 80% (with 60 digs), sets at 99% (with 253 assists), and hits at 93% (with 35 kills). A scholar athlete, Sarah holds a 3.9 GPA and is ranked 7th in her class.



**RIVER VALLEY –
CODY PARSELL**

Cody is the player that does whatever his Viking football team needs to help them be successful. Truly excited about the game, and the senior takes his role as captain very seriously. Cody has played tight end, wide receiver, fullback, tailback, powerback, and offensive tackle. Defensively, he's credited with 46 tackles and 2 fumble recoveries. Offensively, Cody caught 8 passes for 91 yards, threw 1 TD pass, and rushed for 2 TDs.



**RIVER VALLEY –
TRACY NEEDHAM**

Tracey leads the Viking volleyball team in serving (155 of 166 for 93% with 11 aces), hitting percentage (88%), most hits (284 of 322), kills (134) and serve reception (178 of 200 for 89%). The senior also has 123 of 142 for an 87% passing percentage and 104 digs. Tracey uses her 3 years varsity experience to help lead her team, while still continuing to work hard every day to improve her own skills.



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