

SEPTEMBER 2006

ATHLETE NOMINATIONS

Winners will be announced later this month.

Congratulations to all the nominees.



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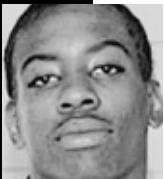
**ELGIN –
NICK WEAVER**

As a senior, Nick has been the top place finisher for the Elgin Comet cross country team in every race this fall. He consistently improved his times and place finishes as the season progressed capping the month of September with a 4th-place finish at the North Union invitational. Nick also excels in the classroom. Carrying a 4.0 GPA on a non-weighted scale, Nick is currently ranked 1st in his class.



**ELGIN –
JOCELYN UTE**

An outstanding all-around volleyball player, 4-year letterman Jocelyn was named to the Columbus Dispatch's "Preseason Top 20 Volleyball Players to Watch List", as well as earned a 610 WTVN Player of the Week nod. The senior team captain's stats through the end of September include 627 of 719 attacks with 266 kills and 131/152 serves with 11 aces and 73 points. Her serve receives are 92%, digs 84%, passing is 94%, 100% at setting, with 22 blocks and 13 saves.



**MARION CATHOLIC –
BRADY TAYLOR**

Playing both offense and defense for the Fighting Irish of Marion Catholic, Brady is an excellent leader that earned him football team captain honors. Defensively, the senior has had 45 tackles with 14 solo tackles. Offensively, he has 7 catches for 97 yards. Also playing special teams, Brady had an 80-yard punt return for a touchdown.



**MARION CATHOLIC –
MARY RICHARDSON**

A 4th-year varsity starter for the Irish volleyball team, Mary is the epitome of "the strong, silent type". A well-rounded athlete, the senior is a middle blocker/middle hitter and leads the team in attacks, attack percentage, and kills. Mary is also the 2nd leading digger, and one of the most consistent servers and point leaders. Smart and aggressive, Mary is extremely coachable and always willing to go the extra mile to improve her game or to help her teammates.



**MARION HARDING –
RANDY SUMMERS**

During the months of August and September, Randy was a standout among the strong defences of the Harding President's football team. As a linebacker, he was part of 78 tackles, 9 of which were for losses. Randy also had 2 quarterback sacks, caused 2 fumbles and recovered another one, and grabbed 1 interception which he returned 24 yards for a touchdown.



**MARION HARDING –
JESSICA JENKINS**

As the first singles player for the Harding tennis team, Jessica had an outstanding month of September with a 19 win/2 loss record. For her efforts, Jessica was named to the 1st Team of the All Greater Buckeye Conference. Jessica maintains a 3.69 grade point average which currently ranks her 13th in a class of 375. She is also heavily involved with Harding's Leadership Team.



**PLEASANT–
GRIFFIN CLARK**

Leading by example, Griffin has made an impact for the Spartan football team starting for his team on both sides of the ball. Defensively as a free safety, Griffin lead the league in September with 85 tackles – 5 for loss, 2 interceptions, and 4 balls batted down. Offensively at tailback, he had gained 256 yards on 64 carries with 4 rushing touchdowns. Griffin also had 6 receptions out of the backfield for 125 yards and 1 touchdown.



**PLEASANT –
KALIE DENTON**

As an outside hitter for the Spartan volleyball team, Kalie had an outstanding August and September leading her team to a 9 – 0 record in the MOAC, a championship in the Harding Invitational, and a 3rd-place finish at the Elgin Classic. Kalie has already set school records for aces per match (10), kills per match (32), points per match (30), and aces per season (52).



**RIDGEDALE –
JACOB JOHNSTON**

Jacob led the Rocket golf team in almost all categories, achieving individual success on a team that struggled during the 2006 season. He had the lowest scoring average for 9 and 18 holes (40.5 and 83.8 respectively). The senior had the 2nd highest number of birdies for the team, the highest number of pars, and the lowest number of bogies. Jacob's 19th place at the Sectional Tournament earned him the right to compete at the District level – 1 of only 2 in the county to qualify.



**RIDGEDALE –
TIFFANY BOWMAN**

An all-around athlete, Tiffany is the type of player the Rocket volleyball coach would like to have on the floor at all times as reflected by her averages. Tiffany is 99% at setting, 96% in serves with 80 points; 93% in passing, 87% in digs, 93% in attacks, and had 64 blocks in August and September. The senior also carries a 3.8 GPA while also participating in a number of various activities, including student government.



**RIVER VALLEY –
T. J. BADERTSCHER**

The Viking cross country team had a successful beginning to their season due to the leadership, consistency, and motivation that T. J. brings to his team. Placing in the top 3 finishers in all but one of his meets (including coming in 3rd out of 102 runners at the Pickerington meet of mostly Division 1 teams), the senior's times of 16:05 and 16:08 are the 2nd and 3rd fastest times recorded in River Valley's history.



**RIVER VALLEY –
KHAYLA ROACH**

Khayla's success and leadership during the months of August and September had a positive impact on the Viking cross country team. Consistently running the course in under 21 minutes, the junior's time of 19:31 at the Ontario Invitational – where she placed 2nd – is the 5th fastest time in River Valley history.



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