

JUNE 2005

# ATHLETE NOMINATIONS



# Athlete of the Month

Winners will be announced later this month.

Congratulations to all the nominees.

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**ELGIN –  
NATE COCHERL**

Batting in the clean-up spot, Nate led the Comet's varsity baseball team in a number of categories, including batting average (.441), hits (24), RBIs (24), and on-base percentages (.474). Only a sophomore, he was 2nd in slugging at .559, and 4th in runs scored with 15. A scholar athlete, Nate was 5th in the MOAC in batting average with a .450 and was selected 2nd Team in the Red Division.



**ELGIN –  
REBECCA GAMBY**

A scholar athlete, Rebecca excelled as a catcher for the Lady Comet softball team. Defensively, she allowed only 5 passed balls and 7 stolen bases on the year. Offensively, Rebecca batted .339 including 4 doubles, 1 triple and 5 RBIs. Just a freshman, she was selected 1st Team MOAC and 2nd Team All Central District by the opposing softball coaches.



**MARION CATHOLIC –  
LEON BRADY**

Leon was the Marion Catholic track team's most consistent performer throughout the 2005 season. 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 Regional in 2 events. Commended as a great teammate and leader, Leon's 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. For the season, Rebecca batted .286 with 13 singles, 2 doubles, and drove in 13 runs. She had 3 game-winning RBIs, while scoring 16 runs and carrying a .969 fielding percentage.



**MARION HARDING –  
BRYSON FAGGS**

Leading the team in places earned, Bryson was the President's track team's most consistent scorer earning 96 points on the season and scoring in every meet. Competing mostly in the field events, Bryson consistently threw 50 ft. or better in the shot. The hard-working sophomore placed 1st or 2nd in all seasonal meets as well as 1st at the Greater Buckeye All Conference meet, 2nd at Northwest District, and 10th at Regionals.



**MARION HARDING –  
TAYLOR MCCURDY**

Taylor had an outstanding track season for the Lady Presidents. The highlight of her sophomore year was breaking a 21-year-old school record in the 3200 meter run. Taylor went on to break her own record 3 more times. The sophomore also ran the 1600 and distance relays. Taylor was Greater Buckeye Conference champion in the 3200 and earned all-conference honorable mention in the 1600. She was 3rd at Districts and 12th at Regionals.



**PLEASANT –  
CASS SISLER**

Cass was a leader for the Spartan baseball team that was 22-6 overall, 12-1 in the MOAC, and MOAC and District Champs. Individually, Cass earned 1st Team All MOAC honors. He led the Spartans in several categories, including 101 at bats, 40 total hits, 9 doubles (school record), 56 total bases, and 16 stolen bases. Cass had a .346 batting average. Defensively at 2nd base, Cass had an outstanding field percentage of .960. He also pitched 17-1/3 innings finishing with a 1.62 ERA.



**PLEASANT –  
LAURA WILLIAMS**

An outstanding athlete, Laura competed in multiple events for the Lady Spartan tracksters. In high jump, the scholar athlete was undefeated until Regionals where she placed 3rd and was 8th at State. At pole vault, she was again undefeated on the season, placing 2nd at MOAC and 1st at District. Laura scored 248 points – the highest for both males and females – and also placed well in the long jump, as well as the 100-meter and 300-meter hurdles.



**RIDGEDALE –  
DAVID DIBLING**

A 1st baseman for his baseball team, David had a fielding percentage of .956 with 11 assists. He also pitched 31 innings in 14 games for the Rockets. Offensively, in 23 games he had a batting average of .438 and an on-base average of .502 in 74 at bats. He accumulated 32 hits, including 7 doubles, 5 home runs, 28 RBIs, 9 stolen bases, and scored 20 runs. A senior, David received 1st Team MOAC and 1st Team All Central District honors.



**RIDGEDALE –  
JENNIFER HUFFMAN**

A 4-time letter winner for the Lady Rocket track team, Jennifer was the only athlete from Ridgedale to compete at the Regional meet placing 8th in pole vault at 8'6". She holds the school pole vault record at 9'. A versatile athlete during her career, the senior also ran the hurdle events, 100m, 200m, 4 x 100 relay, and 4 x 200 relay, as well as competing in the high jump and the long jump. Jennifer was part of a team her freshman year that still holds the school 4 x 100 record.



**RIVER VALLEY –  
BRYAN CHARD**

The 2005 State Champion in pole vault, Bryan holds the school record in that event at 15'3". He was also a state qualifier in the 300-meter hurdles. In addition, Bryan excelled throughout the year in the 110-meter hurdles and high jump. Demonstrating outstanding leadership and athletic qualities beyond his years, the senior set 2 county records, 1 MOAC record, 3 individual school records, and was part of 2 school record-setting relays.



**RIVER VALLEY –  
ERIN BALDINGER**

Erin had a remarkable freshman year with the Lady Viking track team. Running the 300-meter and 100-meter hurdles, as well as competing in the pole vault, Erin qualified for the OHSAA Regional event in all three events placing 6th, 5th, and 6th respectively. She was District champion in the 300m hurdles and pole vault, placing 4th in the 100m hurdles in that meet. Erin also excelled at the MOAC and County meets in these events, never placing below 3rd.



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