

# Athlete of the Month

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## ATHLETE NOMINATIONS

Winners will be announced later this month.

Congratulations to all the nominees.

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### ELGIN – **SHAUN O'DONNELL**

A team captain with 4 varsity football letters, Shaun is a cornerstone on both offense and defense playing fullback, line-backer, and kick-off specialist for the Comets. Offensively at running back, he was named 1st Team Central District, 2nd Team MOAC, had 1237 rushing yards with 21 touchdowns, and 116 yards on 9 catches. Defensive lineman stats include 1st Team MOAC, 1st Team NCOFCA, 26 solo tackles, and 42 assisted tackles.



### ELGIN – **JOCELYN UTE**

Named 1st Team Central District and 2nd Team MOAC, Jocelyn led the Lady Comet volleyball team to their 9th consecutive MOAC Red Division Championship and a Sectional Championship. The 2nd-year letter winner is a strong side hitter and all-around player. Jocelyn's impressive individual stats include: 91% at service with 30 aces and 115 points; 89% receiving; passing, 94%; setting 100%; attacking, 86% with 360 kills; 326 digs; and 19 blocks.



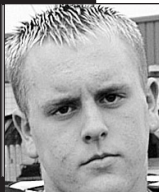
### MARION CATHOLIC – **DAN DAMICO**

Playing the quarterback, safety, kicker and punter positions, Dan led the Irish football squad to an 8-3 record, an undefeated league championship, and the school's first ever playoff appearance. The senior was named Player of the Year in the NWCC, which included 1st Team Quarterback and Kicking honors, and was also chosen Central District's 1st Team Quarterback for Division VI and Special Mention All-Ohio.



### MARION CATHOLIC – **DANA ROTTE**

A senior, Dana is the setter for the Lady Irish volleyball team and a key defensive player as well as an offensive threat. In 22 matches, the 3rd-year letter winner was 96% at serving with 168 points, 76% serve receive, 83% passing, 98% setting, and 80% on attacks with 43 kills. Chosen 1st Team Northwest Central Conference and awarded 2nd Team Central District honors, Dana is ranked 3rd in her class academically.



### MARION HARDING – **MATTHEW WAKELY**

Matt is an excellent pulling lineman for the football Presidents, as well as consistently blocking both the pass and the run at tackle. The senior was named 1st Team Greater Buckeye Conference, Greater Buckeye Conference Lineman of the Year for Offense, 1st Team Northwest District, Northwest District Lineman of the Year, and the Associated Press 2nd Team All Ohio Team in Division 1.



### MARION HARDING – **ALYSSA LUX**

A captain for the Lady Presidents soccer team for the 2nd consecutive year, Alyssa's 17 goals accounted for 95% of Harding's scoring and set a new school season record. She played every minute of the 16 regular season games, plus the entire tournament game. Senior Alyssa was named 1st Team All Greater Buckeye Conference and Honorable Mention All Northwest District, and is currently ranked 4th in her class academically.



### PLEASANT – **CASS SISLER**

As an offensive running back for the Spartans, Cass carried the ball 115 times for 702 yards and caught 9 balls for an additional 115 yards. He led the team with 17 TDs and 2 PATs. A strong safety on defense, the senior co-captain had 40 total tackles. Cass received 2nd Team MOAC defensive back honors and Special Mention All District, as well as 1st Team All North Central Ohio Coaches Association for defensive back.



### PLEASANT – **RACHEL BENNETT**

Senior co-captain Rachel had a productive year at the setter position for the Lady Spartan volleyball team with 98% efficiency. She had 173 digs, 69 blocks, 16 aces, 135 kills out of 282 attempts, 670 assists out of 1,819 attempts, and served at 94% efficiency with 222 attempts. Rachel earned 1st Team MOAC, 1st Team All District, and was awarded 3rd Team All State Honors for her efforts.



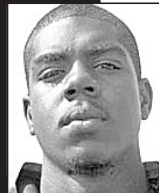
### RIDGEDALE – **J. T. BALLENGER**

A senior, J. T. played defensive end for the Rocket football team. He racked up 90 tackles, 8 of them for loss, and led the MOAC in sacks with 13. He caused 1 fumble, blocked 2 kicks and 2 punts, had 1 interception, and 1 safety. J. T. was named Defensive Player for the Year for the Rockets, and earned MOAC 1st Team Defense, 1st Team All Central District, and Special Mention All State honors.



### RIDGEDALE – **JESSIE WHEELER**

Named Most Valuable Player for the 2004 season by her volleyball team, Jessi became the team's first libero in her 3rd varsity year putting up incredible passing stats that allowed the offensive game to excel and the team to succeed. Named 1st Team MOAC, 1st Team Central District, and honored as the Division IV 2004 Player of the Year, Jessi will participate in both the Central District and State All Star Matches. The senior also carries a 4.0-grade average.



### RIVER VALLEY – **ARLO STERLING**

A senior co-captain, Arlo played the running back and safety positions for the Viking football squad. Rushing for 1567 yards on 191 carries, he scored 14 touchdowns. Defensively, Arlo had 63 tackles (39 solo), 3 interceptions, 1 fumble recovery and caused a fumble. His efforts merited Special Mention All Ohio, Honorable Mention All District, 1st Team MOAC, and the Team's Best Offensive Player honors.



### RIVER VALLEY – **TRACY NEEDHAM**

Tracy served at 98% with 24 aces in 2004, which helped lead the volleyball Vikings to be District Runner-ups. Her on-court leadership and hard work earned Tracy 1st Team MOAC and 2nd Team All Central District honors, as well as the team's Most Improved Player and Best Serving Percentage awards. The junior's stats also included 91% at serve reception, 83% hitting with 196 kills, 85% passing, 142 digs and 28 blocks.



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