

Faces in the Crowd

Tara Rausch, MARYSVILLE, OHIO

Basketball

Rausch, a senior forward at Wilmington College, led the Lady Quakers to the NCAA Division III title and was named the tournament MVP. She finished atop the Ohio Athletic Conference in scoring and rebounds and is a Kodak Division III All-American.



Mike Farrell, JAMSVILLE, MD.

Tennis

Farrell, 50, a senior at Shepherd University, holds the school record for victories (in singles and doubles) with 146. He had a 41-4 record for the 19-1 Rams this season and helped lead them to the West Virginia Conference championship final.

Dagny Knutson, MINOT, N. DAK.

Swimming

Dagny, 12, a sixth-grader at Jim Hill Middle School, won seven age-group events, setting meet records in two, in the Boys & Girls Clubs National Swimming Championships. She also set four state records and, in the state short course championships, seven meet records.



Elad Inbar, KIRYAT HAIM, ISRAEL

Basketball

Inbar, a senior forward at UMass Lowell, was named NCAA Division II player of the year. The River Hawks' alltime top scorer (2,099 points), he led the team to a 100-27 record, four NCAA tournament appearances and two NCAA Northeast Region titles.

Abbi Hills, LAKEWOOD, COLO.

Lacrosse

Hills, a senior midfielder at Stanford, scored 11 goals in three Cardinal wins and was named Mountain Pacific Sports Federation player of the week. She leads her team, the No. 1 seed in the conference championships, in goals (25) and points (31).



Brian Thompson, LOUISVILLE

Powerlifting

Brian, a senior at Trinity High, set a world record in the 220-pound-class deadlift (23 and under) at a national high school meet in Oklahoma City. He also set two Kentucky age-group records as the Rocks won the overall title at the state meet.

Jennifer Delich, FERNIE, B. C.

Skiing

Delich, a senior and the team captain at the University of New Mexico, won the women's giant slalom title at the 2004 NCAA championships. Her victory helped the Lobos win their first NCAA team championship in any sport.



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