

Athletes *of the* Week

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Clearfield boys soccer player Mark Auman has been selected as The Progress' Male Athlete of the Week for the week ending Oct. 28.

Auman was in complete control of the midfield and the scoreboard in the Clearfield's 4-0 win over St. Marys in the District 9 Class AA semifinals.

He scored three goals and added an assist, giving him 16 goals and 13 assists heading into last night's title game.

"He just did an outstanding job," Clearfield head coach Jeff Mease said. "He completely owned the midfield -- St. Marys rarely won a ball in the midfield with him in there. He did a great



job distributing the ball as well as scoring himself. You just can't say enough about his play in that game and all year long."

Mark Auman

Name: Mark Auman.
School and grade: Clearfield Area High School, senior.
Parents: Mike and Kim Auman.
Siblings: Curt, 21, and Tim, 23.
Pets: A cat, Ralph.
Favorite team: Manchester United.
Favorite athlete: Zlatan.
How long have you played soccer?: 13 years.
Biggest accomplishment:

Participating in the Olympic Development Program.
Still a goal: To play Division I soccer.
Biggest rival: DuBois.
Favorite movie: Goal.
Favorite TV show: Family Guy.
Favorite food: Pizza.
Hobbies: Snowboarding, playing guitar.
Favorite video game: EA Sports Fifa.

Philipsburg-Osceola runner Sarah Kitko has been selected as The Progress' Female Athlete of the Week for the week ending Oct. 28.

Kitko finished ninth on Saturday at the District 6 Class AA championships in a time of 21:35, just a step ahead of teammate Kathryn Ritter, becoming the first P-O qualifier for the state championship meet since 1980.

"It was a really good race and a good performance for our program," said P-O coach Doug Perry. I think she showed other kids at Philipsburg-Osceola that it is possible to be from P-O and go to the PIAA state meet, which is a tough thing to do in District 6 Class AA.

"I was real happy for her



especially after last year when she went down with an injury. I think that was kind of a real bummer for her, so it was good to see her come back and have the race she did."

Sarah Kitko

Name: Sarah Kitko.
School and grade: Philipsburg-Osceola, senior.
Parents: Phyllis Straton and Robert Kitko.
Siblings: Tess, 13 and Michael 3.
Pets: Three dogs: Casey, Isaac, and Riley. Two cats: Oliver and Percy.
Favorite team: Notre Dame
Favorite athlete: Steve McNair.
How long have you run cross

country: Two years.
Biggest accomplishment: Qualifying for states.
Biggest rival: Penns Valley.
Favorite movie: The Notebook.
Favorite TV show: Veronica Mars.
Favorite food: French fries and gravy.
Hobbies: Running, scrapbooking.
Pre-race ritual: Getting together with the other girls on the team and praying.

These Athletes of the Week will be rewarded for their efforts with a sweatshirt from The Progress. The sweatshirts were designed by Jim's Sports Center in Clearfield exclusively for The Progress and these weekly honorees.