



# Athletes *of the* Week

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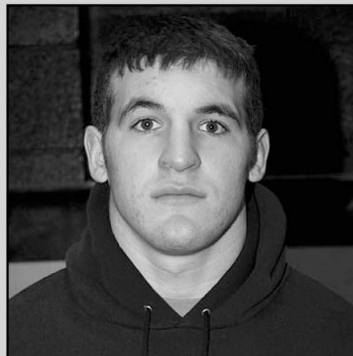
Curwensville senior wrestler Nick Sipes has been named The Progress' Male Athlete of the Week for the week ending Dec. 30.

The Golden Tide 189-pounder finished first in the Redbank Valley Tournament over the weekend, and eclipsed the 100-win plateau for his career.

Sipes recorded three falls to reach the finals, before winning an 8-2 decision over Cranberry's Charles Huegel. Sipes recorded pins over Elderton's Travis Bell, Coudersport's Rich Keagle and Oil City's Steve Roser in the previous rounds.

The Curwensville senior currently has a career record of 102-11.

"He's one of four (Curwensville) wrestlers that have achieved that milestone," said Tide head coach Duane



Wriglesworth. "Somebody with his talent deserves to be in that company. I'm very happy that he got his 100th.

"He wrestled very well (at Redbank Valley) and he looked to be on top of his game. He looked good on his feet, and he had a real good chance at becoming OW."

## Nick Sipes

**Name:** Nick Sipes  
**School, grade:** Curwensville, 12th grade.  
**Parents:** Leland and Tammy Sipes.  
**Siblings:** Nate, 20.  
**Favorite song:** "Believe" by Brooks and Dunn.  
**Favorite college team:** Penn State.  
**Favorite subject:** Math.  
**Favorite teacher:** Mr.

Huber.  
**Favorite video game:** Guitar Hero.  
**Best athlete you ever competed with:** "My brother, Nate."  
**Best athlete you ever competed against:** Sharon's Kellen Harris.  
**Hobbies:** Hunting.  
**Future plans:** "Attend Bucknell, major in biology and become a doctor."

Purchase Line junior Heather Hudson has been named The Progress' Female Athlete of the Week for the week ending Dec. 30.

Hudson was named the Most Outstanding Player at the 16th annual Penns Manor Holiday Tournament and led the Lady Dragons to a second place finish.

The junior scored team-highs in both games, finishing with 18 against Clearfield and 17 against Penns Manor in the finals.

Hudson has scored double digits in eight of the Lady Dragons' nine games.

"Heather is just a natural athlete and is very, very talented," said Purchase Line head coach Julie Horner. "She's a big part of our team and is very



versatile.

"She played huge this week and made a pressure free throw (to defeat Clearfield) and showed her confidence. She was pivotal for us."

## Heather Hudson

**Name:** Heather Hudson.  
**School, grade:** Purchase Line, 11th grade.  
**Parents:** William Hudson and Debra Mozinsky.  
**Sibling(s):** April, 21; Beth, 20; Sherri, 19; Allie, 13; Megan, 11.  
**Pets:** cat, Snickers.  
**How long have you played basketball?:** "Since fourth grade."  
**Greatest accomplishment:** Going to districts in volleyball.  
**Favorite team:** North Carolina Tar Heels.  
**Favorite athlete:** North Carolina's Tyler Hansbrough.

**Favorite movie:** Coach Carter.  
**Favorite musician:** James Blunt.  
**Favorite TV show:** The Class.  
**Pre-game ritual:** "Give myself a pep talk."  
**Hobbies:** Any other sport, hanging with friends.  
**Hidden talent?:** put lollipop stick between front teeth.  
**Favorite food:** Ham and Cheese Hot Pockets.  
**Favorite amusement park ride:** The Wild Mouse at Idlewild Park.

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