



# Athletes *of the* Week

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Philipsburg-Osceola wrestler Mike Horton has been named The Progress' Male Athlete of the Week for the week ending Feb. 24.



Horton finished second at the District 6 Class AAA Tournament this past weekend, falling in overtime to Altoona's Brant Clouser. The Mountie wrestler knocked off Indian Valley's Nate Knepp, who was ranked third in the state at 285 pounds, in the semifinals with a 3-2 overtime decision. It was the second time this season Horton has topped Knepp, also defeating him in a dual meet earlier this season.

"To beat Knepp twice in a season is a pretty big feat," said P-O head coach Mike Maney. "And he was close in

the finals. It would have been nice to pull off the upset, but overall he wrestled real well."

## Mike Horton

**Name:** Mike Horton.  
**School, grade:** Philipsburg-Osceola, 11th.  
**Parents:** Tess and Jeff Horton.  
**Siblings:** A sister, Megan, 13.  
**Pets:** A dog, Deion, and two cats, Cookie and Carrie.  
**How long have you been wrestling?:** "Since elementary school."  
**Greatest accomplishment:** "Beating Nate Knepp for a second time and getting into the District 6 finals."

**Favorite team:** Dallas Cowboys.  
**Favorite athlete:** Vince Young.  
**Favorite movie:** The Benchwarmers.  
**Favorite show:** SportsCenter.  
**Favorite musician:** Nickelback.  
**Favorite Video Game:** Madden.  
**Hidden talent:** Good basketball player.  
**Hobbies:** Video games, hanging out with friends, playing sports.

Philipsburg-Osceola gymnast Becca Twoey has been named The Progress' Female Athlete of the Week for the week ending Feb. 24.



Twoey, who competes as an independent gymnast, finished third on the balance beam at the Pennsylvania Classic Individual State Championships. Twoey was competing in the diamond division, the highest division of the competition. She is a USAG level 9 gymnast and qualified for the tournament by competing as an independent at Bellefonte and DuBois High Schools this season.

"She did really well," said Lady Mounties coach Kristen Baughman. "Although she does very well on the bars, she wowed us all in the beam at the competition. This is our first

season, and we started out not knowing really what to expect. But, to finish as well as we did at the state competition, it's been a great success."

## Becca Twoey

**Name:** Becca Twoey.  
**School, grade:** Philipsburg-Osceola, 9th.  
**Parents:** Jerry and Marnie Twoey.  
**Siblings:** brother, Jacob, 15.  
**Pets:** dog Scruffy; cat, Fluffy.  
**How long have you been gymnastics?:** "Since I was four."  
**Greatest accomplishment:** "Making it to Level 9 in gym-

nastics."  
**Favorite team:** University of Georgia gymnastics team.  
**Favorite athlete:** Kerri Strug.  
**Favorite movie:** Dickie Roberts.  
**Favorite musician:** TuPac Shakur.  
**Favorite food:** Top Ramen.  
**Hidden talent:** "I can imitate people really well."

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