



Athletes *of the* Week

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Curwensville High School freshman wrestler Derek Brothers has been named The Progress' Athlete of the Week for the week ending March 3.



Brothers won the 103-pound title at the Northwest Regional Class AA Tournament Saturday at Sharon High School, scoring a 5-2 decision over Ridgway's Colby Pisani in a rematch of the District 9 title bout. Brothers notched a 2-0 win over Fort LeBoeuf's Kilian Hiner in the semifinals.

"It was a big day for him," Curwensville head coach Duane Wriglesworth said. "A lot of people didn't expect him to win. He wasn't even picked to make it out of regionals by some of the rankings, but he won. He just doesn't quit. That sums it up. He just keeps coming at you and wrestles a full

six minutes." Brothers (30-6) continues his post season march Thursday at the PIAA Tournament in Hershey, matching up with North Star's Joe Lascari.

Derek Brothers

Name: Derek Brothers.
School, grade: Curwensville Area High School, 9th.
Parents: Ron and Lisa Brothers.
Siblings: A sister, Lacey, 18.
Pets: A dog, Bear; a cat, Socks.
How long have you been wrestling?: "Nine years."
Greatest accomplishment: "Being the first freshman in Curwensville history to make it

out of regionals."
Favorite team: Pittsburgh Steelers.
Favorite food: Wings.
Favorite athlete: Randy Cathcart.
Favorite movie: Jim Carey movies.
Favorite TV show: Friends.
Favorite musician: Three Days Grace.
Hobbies: Video games, wrestling.

Curwensville High School sophomore girls basketball player Hannah Walls has been named The Progress' Female Athlete of the Week for the week ending in Mar. 3.



Walls tallied a career- and game-high 19 points on Friday in Curwensville's District 9 class AA Championship tilt with Karns City.

On the season, Walls has racked up seven double-digit games, and is averaging 6.5 points per game heading into the Lady Tide's PIAA first-round game with Greensburg Central Catholic.

"Hannah really stepped up big for us," said Curwensville coach Vic Gearhart. "She had her career-high in the championship game. It was a game where the other team's defense stymied Danielle Struble and Jackie White and we needed someone to step up and she did that for us."

"It was just a great effort on her part, and the shots that she made were quality shots. We knew all along that Hannah had that kind of potential — she had several double-digit games this season. She's done a good job rebounding this season and that's been key to her play."

Hannah Walls

Name: Hannah Walls
School, grade: Curwensville, 10th
Parents: Stephanie and Ed Walls.
Siblings: Laura, 19.
Pets: cat, Kitty.
How long have you been basketball?: "Four years."
Greatest accomplishment: "Scoring 19 points in the district championship."

Favorite team: Miami Heat.
Favorite food: Pizza.
Hidden talent: None.
Hobbies: Drawing.
Favorite athlete: Dwayne Wade.
Favorite movie: "Robin Hood Men in Tights."
Favorite show: CSI.
Favorite musician: Hinder.
Favorite song: "Girls Just Want to Have Fun."

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.