



Athlete *of the* Week

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Philipsburg-Osceola football player Brad Smith has been selected the Progress' Male Athlete of the Week for the week ending Nov. 11.

Smith was instrumental in the Mounties' 35-8 win over Penn Cambria in the District 6 Class AA quarterfinals. He rushed for 124 yards and two touchdowns on just nine carries in the win, and also made significant contributions on defense and special teams.

"He was a huge spark for us in the run game," P-O head coach Jeff Vroman said. "And the way he blew up the offensive tackle from his defensive end position was tremendous."

Smith was injured in the Mounties first game last season and did not return, so his presence on the 2006 version of the Mounties has been very



noticeable.

"Not having him on the field last year was a real setback," Vroman said. "We were hoping for big things from him this year. But he's just been a huge surprise in all three facets of the game all year long."

Brad Smith

Name: Brad Smith.
School and grade: Philipsburg-Osceola Area High School, senior.

Parents: Jim and Patty Smith.

Siblings: Two brothers, Adam and Erik.

Pets: A dog, Buddy.
Played football since: Seventh grade.

Pre-game ritual: Before away games, going to Subway with A.J. Czap.

Biggest accomplishment: Being named second-team all-conference defensive end in the MAC.

Still a goal: Advance as far as possible in football playoffs, set

school record in javelin throw.
Favorite team: Pittsburgh Steelers.

Favorite athlete: Hines Ward.

Favorite movie: Anchorman.
Favorite TV show: Veronica Mars.

Favorite musician: The Offspring.

Favorite food: Pizza.

Favorite amusement park ride: Roller coasters (Phantom's Revenge at Kennywood).

Favorite video game: Halo 2.

Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, playing cards, riding four-wheelers.

Hidden talent: Sewing.

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