



# Sports



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## Athletes of the Month

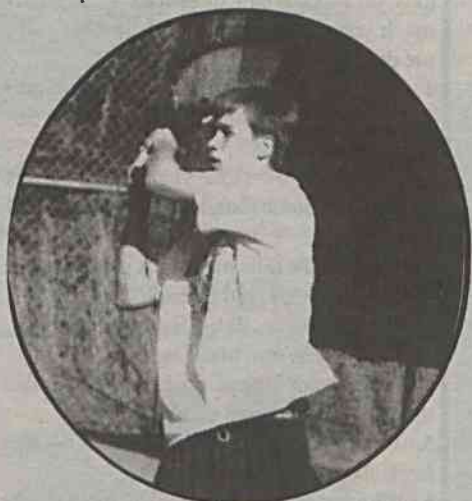
by Bo Andrew

David Phibbs and David Taylor have been chosen as the "Athletes of the Month" for the month of May. Phibbs, a senior at AHS, is the number one player and the captain of the tennis team. Taylor, a junior at AHS, is also a leader of the team, and he shows his dedication at each and every match. They were chosen for this award based on their work ethic, good attitude, and strong desire to win. Both Davids have improved their games tremendously since last season. Phibbs has worked extremely hard during the off season to improve his skills. He hit balls and ran drills for hours everyday after school this winter. Taylor has also been working very hard

on his game so that next year when Phibbs leaves he will be the man to beat. When they play together in doubles, they are unstoppable. They have a perfect 6-0 record in the conference and



David Phibbs makes the winning shot!



David Taylor goes for the hit!

they are looking to go all the way. When Coach Gary Moran was asked what he thought about his sensational doubles team, he said, "They are playing really strong tennis against the best players in the conference. They have improved a lot since last season and every match they play in is close." Congratulations Phibbs and Taylor! Good luck in the future.

## Summer Sports

by Will Turbeville

Summer is almost here and school is almost out. School sports will soon be finished, but most people keep on playing sports during the summer. Some people play baseball, golf, and soccer during the summer. Others go to camps for sports like football, basketball, and baseball to improve their skills for next year. People also like activities that don't require that much talent, like fishing, water skiing, and camping. Here are some of AHS students' favorite sports to do during the summer:

- David Burbeau - I like to fish in the summer because I love the leisurely pace.
- Justin Kimrey - I like to play legion baseball because it is something to do.
- Scott Brinson - I like baseball because it is fun to play and watch.
- Justin Burgess - I like fishing because I can get away from everybody.
- Nick Johnson - I like baseball because I like watching Hardrock strike out.
- Jack Yates - I like swimming so I can check out the babes in bikinis.
- Nicole Lowder - I like soccer because I can be me.
- Darian Drye - I like playing pool so I can take people's money.
- Brooke Laton - I like playing Frisbee so I can be out in the sun.
- Elizabeth Smith - I like to swim so I won't

be hot.

- Jarrett Lamp - I like fishing so I can land me a big mouth with Hardrock.
- Jason Pinion - I like softball because it's slow pitch like me.
- Chris Neelon - I like hangliding because I can get a bird's-eye view of the world.
- Kipper Melmige - I like fishing because I'm with my friends.
- Anthony Brown - I like boat racing because it is fast.
- Toby Burris - I like high diving so I can see the girls in their bikinis.
- David Coble - I like water skiing because it's wet and cools me off.
- Brandon Cooke - I like swimming because it's cold.
- Ellen Oettinger - I like playing tennis because it's fun and I get good exercise.
- Amber Perry - I like karate because it makes me feel good.
- Chris Mauldin - I like swimming because it's wet.
- Mr. Fike - I like baseball because it's a good way to enjoy a nice summer afternoon.
- Kyle Pennington - I like water polo because I have an advantage with my big feet.
- Sarah Phillipy - I like water skiing because I get wet when it's hot.

## Best of the Best Among Spring Sports

By Bo Andrew

These athletes have proven to be the "Best of the Best" for the month of March. They have showed dedication, discipline, and desire to the fans and coaches. Congratulations to these fine athletes on their hard work and dedication.

### Men's Golf

**Greg Hathcock**, a third year varsity athlete, is a junior at AHS and a member of the men's varsity golf team. Greg works diligently on his game and never gives up even when the shots aren't going his way. Coach Al Andrew states, "Greg has worked extremely hard on his golf game and he has, along with several other teammates, played well enough for a spot on the all-conference team."

### Men's Tennis

**Stephen Efird**, another rising star in the tennis limelight, makes every match exciting. Stephen has an impressive 13-0 record overall and an 8-0 record in the conference. When Coach Gary Moran was asked what he thought about Stephen's undefeated season, he said, "Stephen worked very hard in the off-season to improve and his play has reflected that hard work. He is also undefeated in doubles."

### Men's Varsity Baseball

**Rufus Lefler**, a fourth year varsity athlete, has stepped up his performance on the field and showed his Bulldog pride. When Rufus was asked what he thought of being selected as the best of the best he said, "We have had an excellent season. Everyone on the team has a positive attitude and everyone wants to win."

### Women's Soccer

**Meredith McIntyre**, a freshman at AHS, has been extremely successful in her first soccer season at AHS. Meredith is the goalkeeper for the women's soccer team. Coach Shawn Graeff states, "Meredith is a fierce competitor and gives everything she has every game. She has a very positive attitude and never complains. Meredith will certainly be someone to watch in years to come."

### Women's Softball

**Brinn Page**, a junior at AHS, is a member of the women's varsity baseball team. Coach Gerry Neal states, "Her work ethic has been very positive and her work ethic has been strong. She has not played as much as she'd like, but she is always ready and eager when called. Brinn has done very well when given the opportunity."

### Men's Baseball

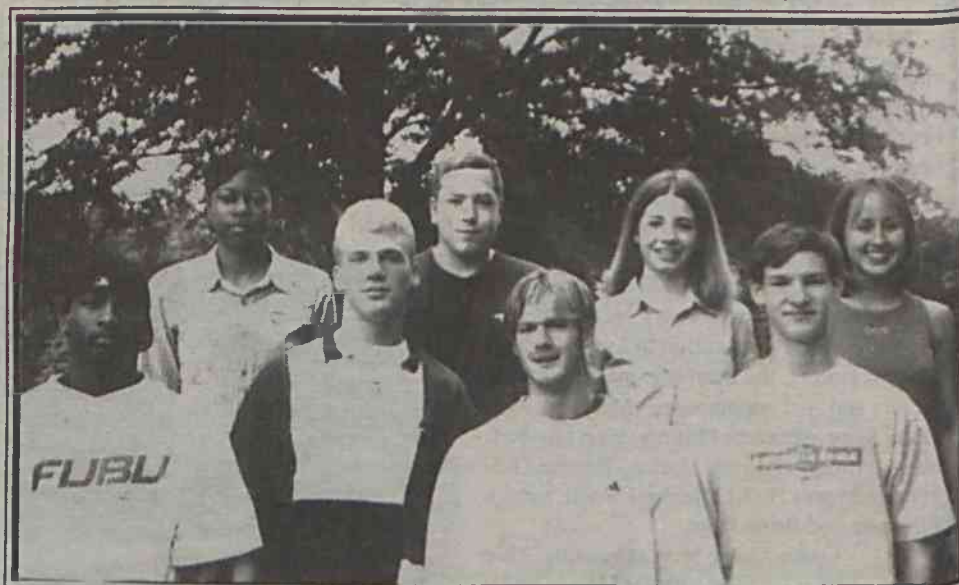
**Mark Purvis** has played extremely well over the course of the season. As a leading pitcher, Mark has proven his importance to the team. Mark showed off his skills in one game when he went four for four and hit a killer home run.

### Men's Track

**Ladares Lilly**, a senior, shows his ability to run like the wind in every track meet. Participating in the 100m dash, the 4x100m relay, and the 4x400m relay, Ladares has experienced continued success throughout his season. As he looks to the conference and regional meets, Ladares is preparing himself to move to the state meet.

### Women's Track

**Crystal Swaringen**, an outstanding junior, who participates in the triple jump, long jump, 4x200 meter relay, 4x400 meter relay, is also looking forward to leaving her mark at the conference, regional, and state meets. Mrs. Bullock notes that she has continued to improve.



These athletes have exhibited determination and hard work to be named "Best of the Best" for this month.