

Patriots Honored At Awards Banquet

Madison High School held its annual athletic awards banquet Friday night, honoring the MHS top athletes of the 1983-84 school year.

Guest speaker Harrell Wood, instructor and coach at Mars Hill College, commended the athletics program at Madison for building courageous and determined athletes.

"I've seen many times when Madison High was outmanned, but I've also seen many times when Madison High was the best team on the playing field," Wood said. By far, the most gifted and talented people he has met in his role as instructor and coach at Mars Hill were Madison graduates he said.

Wood said there were three qualities that every good athlete should possess.

They should be able to continue performing even when they begin to tire, have courage even though an opponent may seem bigger or better, and should play unselfishly as a team player, he said. Wood told the athletes: "You're as good as anybody you're up against."

The Northwestern Bank Awards for athlete of the year were given to Rex Grigg and Tammy Brown.

Head football coach Woody Ammons presented senior awards to football players Scotty Devane, Ricky Arrington, Tim Laws, Kevin Shelton, Paul Bobbit, Ian Filiss, Richard Lambert, Steven Clark and Rex Grigg. Ammons spoke on each senior's accomplishments and abilities, but mistakenly omitted Grigg. He later apologized to Grigg for the omission, and commended him for his determination as a football player and his courageous play on the field, calling him a "fine athlete and a fine young man."

The Charles Tolley Award, which is voted on by the football players for whom they feel to be the most outstanding team member, was given to Ian Filiss.

Ronnie Wallin, boys basketball coach, presented four awards to his players.



TAMMY BROWN ACCEPTS AWARD during last week's athletic banquet at Madison H.S.

Most Valuable Player was given to Scott Rigsby, Best Defensive Player was given to Norman Grose, Best Offensive Player was given to Bryan Gahagan, and Most Improved Player was given to Tim Laws.

Girls basketball coach Ricky McDevitt presented four awards to his players and made two additions to the 1,000 point club.

Tammy Brown was awarded Most Outstanding Player, Jan Maney was given the Coach's Award, Mary Rice was awarded Most Improved, and Kim Boles was awarded Miss Gun.

Senior Jan Maney and Junior Mary Rice were inducted into the 1,000 point club, and senior Tammy

Brown was commended for contributing over 2,000 points in her career at MHS, a school record.

Boys Track coach Teddy Cody presented the Most Outstanding Player award to Kevin Shelton.

The track seniors gave their coach an appreciation award.

Girls track coach Ricky McDevitt congratulated his team for being conference champions, and added that the 800 relay team consisting of Terri Ballard, Tamara Anders, Dana Hembree, Heidi Worley and Mary Rice had an outstanding 35-4 record.

Heidi Worley was presented with the Most Outstanding Player Award. Debbie Spears was presented with the Character

Award. Lisa Shelton was presented with the Coach's Award and Tamara Anders was presented with the Miss Flying Feet Award.

In boys baseball, coach Jack Brown gave Rodney Howell the Most Valuable Player award. Brown presented Mark Shook with the Most Outstanding Player Award, Scott Rigsby with the Best Defensive Outfield Player Award, Tim Rigsby with the Best Defensive Infield Player Award and Rex Grigg with the Coach's Award.

The senior players of the team gave their coaches an appreciation award.

Girls volleyball coach Karen Dillingham could not be present for the banquet, and coach Elsberry Wyatt gave out her awards.

Tammy Brown was given the Most Valuable Player Award, Teresa Eatmon was given the Coach's Award, Karen Holbrook was given the Best Setter Award and Kim Boles was given the Best Server Award.

In girls softball, coach Elsberry Wyatt presented Rebecca Ammons with the Leading Hitter Award.

Tennis coach Leff Hoffman presented the Most Valuable Player award, which is based

on the number of games won, to Will Hoffman.

Cheerleading sponsor Pam Ramsey commended this year's squad for being the finest she's ever had, and awarded Stephanie Thomas with the Most Outstanding Cheerleader Award. Julie Pfaff was given the Dependability Award and Jackie Thomas was given the Leadership Award.

A scholarship was established this year by the parents of Robbie Capps, in honor of their son, an MHS basketball player who died in an auto accident in December. The \$1,000 scholarship was presented to Richard Lambert.

Mars Hill Boys Take Relays In County Meet

Mars Hill seventh and eighth grade boys' teams won both the 800-meter and 400-meter relays in the Madison County meet earlier this month.

In girls' competition, Mars Hill won the 400-meter relay, 75-m. dash, but the winner in the 800-meter relay was Spring Creek.

Other first-place winners in 7th-8th-grade boys events were: Brian Godfrey, Mars Hill, standing broad jump; Dale Craine, Hot Springs, put. broad jump.

Eddie Shelton, Mars Hill, high-jump; Darrel Chandler, Mars Hill, softball throw; Tim Shade, Marshall, 100-yd. dash; Jackie Shelton, Walnut Hill, 75-m. dash; Tim Shade, Marshall, 800-meter relay was Spring Creek; Kevin Honeycutt, Mars Hill, 800-m. run; Dale Teague, Marshall, 200-m. dash; Mars Hill, 1,600-m. relay; Brian Ball, Mars Hill, shot.

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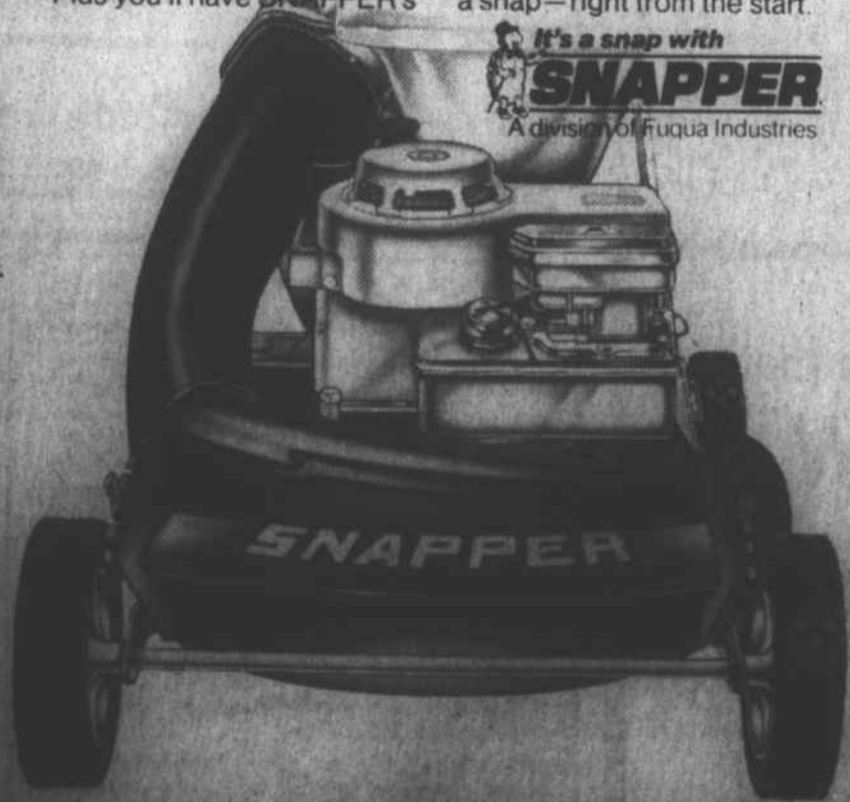
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