

Athletes *of* the Week

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West Branch soccer player Kari Larson has been selected as the Progress Female Athlete of the Week for the week ending Sept. 9. Larson led the Lady Warrior soccer team to a 2-0 record for the week in wins over Mo Valley (7-1) and Lewistown (3-2). Larson had six points in the two games (three goals and three assists).

"Kari is an outstanding athlete," West Branch head coach R.J. Myers said. "I will go out on a line and say she is one of the best, if not the best soccer player in this area. Last year she led the team with 28 goals and was up for nomination for the all-state team and MVP. She's an offensive person, she



plays physical and she plays ball control and also comes back and rebounds on defense."

Kari Larson

Name: Kari Larson

School and Grade: West Branch Area High School, 11th grade.

Parents: Judy and Alan Larson.

Siblings: Jada, 13.

How long have you played soccer?: 10 years.

Pre-game ritual: Trying to get my teammates' and my own confidence level up.

Biggest sports accomplishment: Nominated for the all-state girls soccer team.

Goal(s): To play Division I soccer in college ... possibly at

Slippery Rock or a Penn State branch campus.

Favorite team(s): USA soccer.

Favorite athlete(s): Christie Welsh.

Favorite movie(s): The Benchwarmers.

Favorite TV show(s): Charmed.

Favorite musician(s): Rascal Flatts.

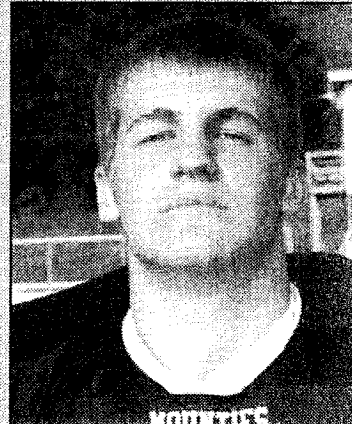
Favorite amusement park ride: Disney World's The Tower of Terror.

Biggest rival: Bellefonte.

Hidden talent: Hip-hop dancing.

Philipsburg-Osceola football player Dimitri Sidorick has been selected as the Progress Male Athlete of the Week for the week ending Sept. 9. Sidorick rushed the ball 17 times for 114 yards and scored four touchdowns to lead the Mounties to a 36-19 win over Bellefonte. Sidorick also had five tackles on defense and blocked a Bellefonte extra point attempt.

"Our win against Bellefonte was a total team effort," P-O head coach Jeff Vroman said. "Sometimes Dimitri will get a lot of carries and sometimes it will be someone else. He did a real nice job. He's staying square to the line of scrimmage



and hitting the holes well. He just keeps working harder and getting better."

Dimitri Sidorick

Name: Dimitri Sidorick.

School and Grade: Philipsburg-Osceola Area High School, 11th grade.

Parents: Greg and Bridgette.

Siblings: Vlad, 19.

Pets: None.

How long have you played football?: Since fourth grade.

Pre-game ritual: Just getting focused on the opponent.

Biggest sports accomplishment: Going 23-1 on junior high wrestling team in ninth grade.

Goal(s): To go to college to play football.

Favorite team(s): Minnesota

Vikings and San Francisco Giants.

Favorite athlete(s): Brian Urlacher, Michael Jordan.

Favorite movie(s): Rocky IV, Dumb and Dumber

Favorite TV show(s): ESPN's Sports Center.

Favorite musician(s): Hinder.

Favorite amusement park ride: The Incredible Hulk at Islands of Adventure in Orlando.

Favorite food: Ice cream.

Hidden talent: Sketch artist (WWE Superstars).

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.