

## **E**ard Work

## Pays Off

## **I**n Time

fter countless hours of practice and sacrifice, WHS's athletes were honored at the annual awards ceremony. The guest speaker was Erk Russell, the head football coach at Georgia Southern University. After Coach Russell's opening comments, the awards were handed out. The awards ranged from letters to trophies and shirts to plaques. The recipients of the major awards were as follows:

BASEBALL — Jamie Iriel, batting champ and MVP; Archie Sims, gold glove; Jody McLaine, most improved; Greg Jenkins, captain's award; and Chris Gibson, JV MVP.

BOYS' BASKETBALL — Oliver Campbell, MVP; Jamie Middleton, Franklin Smalls sportsmanship award; Craig Kirkpatrick, best defense, Gianni Garrett, most improved; and Benji Jakes, JV MVP.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL — Michelle Minton, MVP and AAU All-State; Leitha Evans, leading rebounder; Terri Siders, sportsmanship; Lounell Sweat, most improved; Lawanda Aiken, hustle award; and Stacey Nesmith, JV MVP.

CROSS COUNTRY — Chris Turner, boys' MVP; Toylin Bright, most improved; Amy Sutphin, girls' MVP; and Chris Nelson, most improved.

BOYS' TRACK — James Walker, MVP; Kenny Bowman, best field and All-Region; Chalmus Burgess, most improved. GIRLS' TRACK — Tabitha Copeland, MVP and All-Region; Rhonda Maree, best field; and Terri Siders, most improved.

GOLF — Josh White, MVP; Darren Christianson, most improved.

TENNIS — Jay Unger, MVP; Scott Catterton, most improved.

VOLLEYBALL — Leitha Evans, MVP; Deana Wood, most improved.

SOCCER — Soren Jenson, MVP and best offense; Jeff Hughes, best defense and honorable mention All-Region; and Peter Lommen, honorable mention All-Region.

SOFTBALL — Tracey Reeves, Gina Johnson, MVPs; Gina Johnson, batting champ; Christy Moseley, gold glove; and Tracey Reeves, Gina Johnson, and Michelle Minton, All-Region.

CHEERLEADING — Tina Hoover, most outstanding.

WEIGHT TRAINING — Eric Stevens, Troy Spires, and Kevin Rhodes, dedication awards.

FOOTBALL — Miguel Koger, MVP; Jeff Hickman, sportsmanship and Tony Breland defensive lineman; Troy Spires, offensive lineman; Kevin Rhodes, offensive back; Jay Davis, defensive back; James Walker, James Thomas hustle award; Gianni Garrett, JV MVP; LeBlanc Winfield, JV best back; and Jason McMillan, JV best lineman.

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