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MOUNT UNION'S HOGAN NAMED NOVEMBER OAC SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

Twinsburg, OH- Mount Union senior guard **Kyla Hogan (Ravenna)** has been named the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Scholar-Athlete of the Month for December.

In its eighth year of existence, the OAC Scholar-Athlete of the Month honors an exceptional student-athlete on a monthly basis. Criteria for the award consist of the student-athlete being a sophomore, junior or senior status, competition in a sport that is in-season, sportsmanlike conduct and carrying at least a cumulative grade-point average (gpa) of 3.0.

Hogan, an exercise science major with a minor in biology, seems to be mature beyond her years, understanding the big picture – on and off the floor.



In 2003-04, Hogan earned Honorable-Mention All-Ohio Athletic Conference status and was named to the Academic All-OAC squad in 2004-05, has experienced both

highs and lows during her collegiate career as a student-athlete, but has a positive attitude about her overall experience.

"I've really enjoyed being at Mount Union," she said. "The relationships I've formed with teammates and friends, coupled with the education I've received, have really been special. Sure, I wish we would have won more games to this point in my career. It does get frustrating. That's normal for any athlete because you want to win. But the overall experience has been wonderful. My parents (Gary & Karen), who are extremely supportive, get to come to all my games, and I've grown a lot as a person dealing with both success and adversity."

On the court, Hogan is a three-year letterwinner and the team's leading returning scorer, who led the Conference in steals (116) last season while playing in all 25 of the team's games. Off the court, she is fast approaching her graduation date – May of 2006, before hopefully entering graduate school and pursuing a career in cardiac rehabilitation.

According to her coach, Suzy Venet, a former Raider guard herself, Hogan has a lot to offer this year's version of the Purple Raider basketball program before she puts her degree to use in the real world.

"Kyla (Hogan) is an excellent full court defender and one of our top offensive threats," said Venet, who is in her first year in charge of the Raider basketball program. "There is no question, she will be one of our go-to players this season. We expect her to have a terrific senior year."

Hogan is also looking forward to the 2005-06 campaign.

"We are all working extremely hard in practice – especially on being more disciplined and improving defensively as individuals and as a unit," she added. "The team chemistry is excellent. Obviously, as a senior, I would like to go out with a winning season."

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Mount Union Sports Information Director, Michael DeMatteis, credited for this feature.