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WILMINGTON'S ZERILLA NAMED FEBRUARY OAC SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

Twinsburg, OH-Wilmington senior basketball player **Siobhan Zerilla (Cincinnati/Mercy)** has been named the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Scholar-Athlete of the Month for February.

In its seventh 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 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.

Siobhan Zerilla has been the heart and soul of the women's basketball team, helping lead the team to three straight NCAA Tournament appearances - a trip to the "Elite Eight" as a freshman, a "Sweet 16" appearance in her sophomore season and the National Championship a year ago.

During the 2004-05 season, Zerilla has been a game stopper - literally. On December 11, during a home game, Zerilla stopped the game with 5:01 gone in the contest, when she pulled down rebound 1,105 of her four-year career, breaking the career school record. After receiving a game ball signifying the event, Zerilla led the charge as the Lady Quakers picked up a win. Nineteen days later Zerilla hit another milestone on the Quakers home court, scoring her 1,000th career point and again leading the Quakers to victory.

She has accumulated over 1,200 career rebounds to rank among the top-20 in career rebounds in NCAA Division III history, and is climbing towards the Ohio Athletic Conference rebounding record of 1,365, held by Capital's Sandy Buddeleyer.

Her on-court determination is matched only by her classroom dedication. Zerilla, a sports management major, has a 3.76 cumulative grade-point average and has earned Dean's List honors six times. She is the women's basketball representative to the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

Zerilla has not only established herself as an outstanding leader on the court, but she truly exemplifies the meaning of the word student-athlete.

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Wilmington Sports Information Director Bill Salyer is credited for this feature.

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