

Athletes of the Week



Alex Zarco, Central soccer

Why he was chosen: The senior forward scored four goals in the Maroons' three wins last week, including two each in their 6-0 victory against Peoria Richwoods and a 3-0 win against Peoria High.

From Zarco: "One of our goals is to win the conference, so that's a big step ... This is my first year playing forward. I used to play center mid. I like to play forward because I can finish, I guess."

I'd love to drive ... a Lamborghini.

I need an autograph from ... Cristiano Ronaldo. I need concert tickets to ... Drake.

I started playing soccer when ... I was in second grade. During recess, all of my friends, we'd just play soccer every day. That's how I started. That's what I remember.

The best thing about soccer is ... being able to play with my best friends and do what I like to do.

One thing I'm working on right now is ... my shot. Since I used to play center mid, back then I didn't used to score a lot. Now that I play forward, I feel like I have to work on my shot, but it's getting better now.

One team I'm more pumped to play is ... right now probably Normal Community because they're undefeated, and we want to get the Big 12 title.

I wear No. 10 because ... I used to wear No. 10 (for club), and that's my favorite number, I guess.

I try to pattern my game after ... Cristiano Ronaldo — just because he's one of the best players in the world. He inspires me.

In five years, I see myself ... hopefully as a soccer player.

Before a match ... I just listen to music to get ready for the game.

After a match ... I usually drink Gatorade.

Honorable mention: Alex Beckman, Urbana football; Brendan Black, Judah Christian golf; Max Cochrane, St. Thomas More soccer; Noah Darr, Salt Fork/Westville soccer; Noah Freemon, Monticello football; Alex Keeble, Mahomet-Seymour cross-country; Austin Malbica, Centennial football; Matt Poll, Paxton-Buckley-Loda football; Eric Ponder, Tuscola cross-country; Blake Reifsteck, Bismarck-Henning soccer; Henry Sills, Champaign Central cross-country; Adan Varela, Iroquois West soccer;