

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Courtney Kombrink

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Senior's play key to spikers' early revival

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Attempting to reverse a trend of sub-.500 seasons, the OTHS volleyball team will have their work cut out for them. Early indications, however, appear to give the Panther spikers a chance at accomplishing their mission for the 2007 campaign.

One of the senior leaders who will be asked to lead the charge is Courtney Kombrink, this week's top athlete.

Kombrink, a multiple year volleyball letterwinner and also a veteran player for O'Fallon's girls' basketball team, has posted impressive statistics all ready this fall — an accomplishment that OTHS coach Erin Legendre anticipated before the season began.

“Courtney has been one of

the girls on the team that has really worked hard to improve season by season,” Legendre said. “She is a good worker and pays attention to detail. She was our most consistent player in the Edwardsville tournament. She accumulated the best overall statistics over the five games. She complements our other players so well and always has a positive approach when she takes the court.”

“I love to play volleyball,” the OTHS senior, the daughter of Stan and Stephanie Kombrink, said. “I have been playing this sport since the fifth grade. My coaches, teammates and my family have contributed to my success — especially my sister

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Katelyn who played volleyball in high school and now plays at McKendree.

“I started to play volleyball because I followed in my sister's footsteps and she has taught me alot.

Participating in athletics is a great opportunity to meet people and make friends. Athletics has influenced me in becoming more of a leader, in allowing me to make great friends and in making smarter decisions in general.”