

October Athlete of the Month: Jazzlyn McGirr

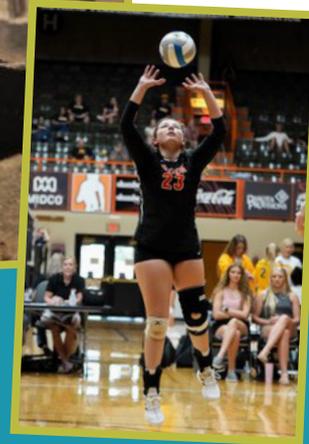
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Jazz McGirr is a senior at Huron High School participating in rodeo, volleyball, and basketball. She has been a member of the varsity volleyball team for four years and basketball for three. Jazz shared a unique perspective on what has impacted her most during her athletic journey. She stated, “Within our teams, sports have created friendships between students who would not normally communicate as the participants band together to accomplish a team goal. The differences in how we look and talk, or cultural differences go by the wayside.” Jazz has learned to appreciate the impact one game can have to unite the school’s student body. Coach Shelly Buddenhagen commented on Jazz’s freshman through junior years: “She unknowingly raised the team’s effort level because of her drive to excel and improve, thus leading by example.” Coach Buddenhagen also mentioned that Jazz has integrity and is a natural born leader, which makes coaching fun. Buddenhagen’s final remark praised Jazz on her ability to balance a demanding sport and rodeo schedule, as each requires hours of dedication.

Jazz’s ten-year rodeo career in 4-H has developed her skills and made her an accomplished competitor: State 4-H Ribbon Roping Champion, State 4-H Reserve All Around, and Junior American Qualifier in Goats and Breakaway. Jazz continues to be active in 4-H and has held positions of State Secretary and Breakaway Regional Event Director. In the classroom, she earns very good grades and is a member of the National Honors Society.

Currently Jazz is dealing with an injury that is affecting her athletic performance, but she hopes she can heal and continue participating in the activities she enjoys her senior year. Looking ahead to the next chapter, Jazz plans to attend South Dakota State University to major in Psychology and compete at the collegiate level on the rodeo team.

To obtain an application for the Athlete of the Month Scholarship program email bfast@vfplanning.net, visit Vantage Financial Partners website at www.vantagefinancialwi.com, or ask your high school guidance counselor. If you are a high school senior who plays sports, attends a SD high school, you are eligible to apply for a \$1,500 scholarship sponsored by Vantage Financial Partners.



Getting to know Jazz:

FAVORITE QUOTE:

“There may be people that have more talent than you, but there’s no excuse for anyone to work harder than you do.” - Derek Jeter

FAVORITE FOOD:

My grandmas’ goulash

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS:

Competing in the volleyball state championship match my junior year and winning a 2020 rodeo state title.

FUN FACT:

For the first five years of my education, I attended five different schools!

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