

June Athlete of the Month: Riley Casper

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Senior athlete Riley Casper graduated from Lake Preston High School in May where he competed in football and basketball. His dad was a youth coach growing up who encouraged him to join the school's basketball team in 4th grade. Riley earned the Dakota Valley All-Conference Honorable Mention his senior basketball season and was awarded Most Valuable Player in 2021. He enjoys volunteering as a youth referee and score clock operator in his free time. Head Basketball Coach Brock Dufek described Riley as "an extremely motivated young man," and highlighted his strong work ethic and leadership skills. Football kept Riley focused throughout high school having competed on the varsity team the last three years. Through athletics, academics, and working on his family's farm, Riley has learned patience and excellent time management skills that will continue to help him achieve success. By overcoming day-to-day stressful situations, Riley has developed strong problem-solving skills which has given him confidence when facing challenges.

Riley earned the privilege to graduate with a 4.0 GPA, while maintaining a busy extracurricular and volunteer schedule. His activities included show choir, band, student council, math competitions, and Future Farmers of America. Individual accolades included Touchstone Energy Scholar of the Week, Outstanding Student awards for Biology, Algebra II, History, and Geography, Honor Roll the last four years, and induction to the National Honor's Society. Additionally, Riley received his certifications in American Red Cross CPR and AED training and is also a certified Storm Spotter. Riley is looking forward to the next chapter as he plans to attend Lake Area Technical College to pursue a degree in Agriculture Production.

The application process for our scholarship ended May 5th. You may look for our scholarship recipient announcement in the July edition of Prairie Tracks and on our social media.



Getting to know Riley:

FAVORITE QUOTE:

"Don't strive for someone else's dream. Live for your own."
- Author unknown

FAVORITE FOOD:

Steak

FAVORITE CLASS:

Chemistry

HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR SPORT CAREER:

Hitting the game-winning shot in the first game of the season for basketball senior year.

FUN FACT:

I have a picture of myself with our governor and lieutenant governor.







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