

Maia Kelly Jr. from Mounds Park Academy



Declan Dahlberg from Mounds Park Academy



Mounds Park Academy Junior volleyball player, Maia Kelly had another great end to an outstanding season! Maia was a pivotal part in the leadership and performance needed to break a school record with a 24-3 record this season.

Throughout the entire season, Maia has shined as she led the team with most kills and blocks finishing with 347 kills and 50 blocks for the season. She was a huge part of our winning season, including the 2 tournaments that we were a part of in which we finished 1st place. Ending MPA's season with a tough section quarterfinals and semifinals, Maia shined in the two matches against Legacy Christian and New Life earning 44 kills total. Some of Maia's highlights over the season include .571 hitting percentage against Breck, 30 kills in a 4-set match against Providence, and 30 digs in a 5-set match against Breck. Maia was recognized as an IMAC All-Conference player and MPA's Most Valuable Player.

Mounds Park Academy senior runner Declan Dahlberg had an impressive October. After a bout with mono in August, and a September spent working back into top form, he really hit his stride in October. On October 3rd, he won the Trinity Invite by over 30 seconds, running his best ever 5000 meter time. On October 12th, he won the individual IMAC title by over a minute, earning all conference honors for the 4th consecutive year. And on October 26th, he won the section 4A title by over 20 seconds over some strong competition, leading his team to a second place, state qualifying finish.

Along with his excellent running, Declan has demonstrated strong leadership as one of our team captains, encouraging and supporting all his teammates, so they can run their best as well.

OCTOBER ATHLETE OF THE MONTH NOMINEES

Lainey Axell	BLAKE	Girls Tennis	Senior
Jack Fraley	BLAKE	Football	Senior
Hudson Haecker	BRECK	Soccer	Junior
Livia Reader	BRECK	Volleyball	Senior
Max Gifford	MINNEHAHA	Cross Country	Junior
Grace Kirkpatrick	MINNEHAHA	Cross Country	Senior
Declan Dahlberg	MPA	Boys CC	Senior
Maia Kelly	MPA	VB	Junior
Jeff Ekiyor	PROVIDENCE	Football	Junior

Emma Kelly	PROVIDENCE	Girls XC	Eighth Grader
Flannery Enneking-Norton	SPA	Girls XC	Senior