



Junior Pitcher Payton Glenn had an outstanding April striking out 57 Hitters in 32 Innings Pitched. She had a season high of 16 vs MPA. Payton is also getting it done at the plate hitting .486 with a Team High 20 RBIs!



Evan has been an integral part of the Mounds Park Academy baseball program since eighth grade, but this year he has taken his talents to a new level. Evan has become a great leader as he consistently demonstrates a strong work ethic and a positive attitude for his teammates to emulate. No matter the situation, he always maintains his composure and continues to encourage and motivate those around him.

On the field, Evan is the type of player coaches love to have in their lineup. There is always a little more bounce in everyone's step when they see Evan is the starting pitcher. On the mound, he is able to mix his high velocity fastball with a sharp breaking curveball and a good changeup to produce strikeouts from opposing batters at an alarming rate. In the month of April, Evan struck out 42 batters in 17.1 innings, capped off by a 17 strikeout performance against Blake in a 2-1 win.

Evan is just as dynamic everywhere else on the field. He plays a brilliant centerfield with plus range and a great arm to keep baserunners at bay. At the plate, he has a patient approach and a compact swing that allow him to hit line drives to all parts of the field. In the month of April, he led the team with a .476 batting average, with 2 doubles and 1 triple.

APRIL ATHLETE OF THE MONTH NOMINEES

<u>ATHLETE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Thomas Nelson	BLAKE	Lacrosse	Senior
MaKenna Vaverichek	BLAKE	Softball	Senior
Emily Zumwinkle	BRECK	Golf	Senior
Carter Oftedahl	BRECK	Baseball	Senior
Josh Cook	MINNEHAHA	Tennis	8th
Payton Glenn	MINNEHAHA	Softball	Junior
Siri Springer	MPA	Softball	Sophom ore
Evan Esch	MPA	Baseball	Senior
Jimmy Fafinski	PROVIDENCE	Baseball	Junior
Brooke Hohnecker	PROVIDENCE	Track	Freshma n
Boden Strafelda	SPA	Baseball	Junior