## WISCONSIN VALLEY CONFERENCE STUDENT-ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Student Name: Madison Kraus SCHOOL: Marshfield GRADE: 12

WVC SPORT(S): **Softball** 

FAVORITE CLASS: AP European History

BEST ADVICE RECEIVED FROM A COACH: Most of the work happens behind the scenes, in the off-season.

FAVORITE PLACE TO COMPETE AT IN THE WISCONSIN VALLEY CONFERENCE AND WHY?

Woyak Sports Complex (SPASH) because they have really nice dirt fields, and I play there during the summer.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS MEMORY: Overnight tournament in Rhinelander, Junior year

WHAT TWO CHARACTERISTICS MAKE YOU A GOOD TEAMMATE OR LEADER: Communicating with my teammates and picking up teammates when they're down.



COLLEGE OR POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANS: Playing softball and majoring in Biochemistry at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE QUOTE: "Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships" -Michael Jordan

BEST ADVICE YOU WERE GIVEN AS AN INCOMING FRESHMAN: **Observe the older players and learn from them**.

COACHES' NOMINATING THOUGHTS: Madison has had an exceptional first half of the season, consistently leading by example on both sides of the game. She currently leads the team in several key offensive categories, including batting average (.429), on-base percentage (.472), on-base plus slugging (1.125), hits (21), and RBIs (22). Offensively,

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she anchors the heart of our lineup and continues to deliver in high-pressure moments, advancing runners and driving in critical runs.

Defensively, Madison is just as dependable. She holds a remarkable .970 fielding percentage at first base and leads the team with 95 total chances, showing confidence and consistency in every opportunity.

Madison's work ethic, focus, and dedication—both on and off the field—help motivate our team. As we head into the second half of the season, we're excited to see her continued impact and leadership.