

PITTSBURGH MALE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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CHRISTIAN WOLOSIK

School: North Catholic

Year: Senior

Sport: Basketball

Notable: Wolosik scored a game-high 20 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to lead North Catholic past Rochester, 51-48, in the WPIAL Class AA championship Saturday at Palumbo Center.

North Catholic (23-2) will play in the first round of the state tournament at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at North Allegheny.

How did it feel to win another basketball title?

It feels real good. We lost last year in the baseball championship, and I remembered feeling that before the game. I didn't want that to happen again. ... Last year felt good, too, but this year was better because I played more.

Have you picked a college yet?

I'm going to attend Indiana (Pa.) to play baseball. I really like their coach. I went up to visit a few times. I'm a pitcher, and they're graduating seven senior pitchers. So, if I work hard, I might get an opportunity to get a few innings.

What major do you plan on pursuing?

Business management and accounting. I like numbers and math, so I thought it would be a good major to pursue.

Your coach (Dave Long) has been praising your basketball skills but said you're reluctant to accept the compliments because you consider yourself more of a baseball player. Why the reluctance?

I'm way more set on baseball. I guess he just thinks I can play basketball a little bit. He's been telling me to shoot the ball more. Earlier this season, I was a guy who just played defense and got rebounds. I guess he saw more in me as a basketball player.

What has been the most memorable moment of your career?

Winning three gold medals in the WPIAL — two in basketball, one in baseball. Going up to Penn State and playing in that double-overtime game (PIAA championship) was big even though we lost. Even though we lost in the WPIAL baseball last year, that was still a lot of fun.