ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

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KAELYN SPEAR

Kaelyn Spear, our May Athlete of the Month, is an 11-year-old dynamo at South Mountain Elementary School. This 5th grader recently celebrated two triumphant seasons in basketball, showcasing her skills and





dedication. Kaelyn played a vital role on the South Mountain YMCA U-10 team, which raised the banner as the first-ever girls' championship winners after an impressive regular season and a victorious tournament run. "Winning with my team was an incredible experience," Kaelyn shares. "We worked hard, and it paid off."

Her talent and tenacity also shone through with the South Mountain Ducks. This team made an extraordinary comeback, transforming from near the bottom of the league in 2024 to wearing the coveted Champs t-shirts just a year later. "We believed in ourselves and pushed each other to be better," Kaelyn explains. Her involvement in "Her Time to Play," an initiative through the WBNA and the YMCA, has further fueled her passion for the game since it began in 2022.

Kaelyn's other team, The Indiana Hoosiers, competed fiercely in the SOMA Hoops 5th/6th grade girls' league. Entering the championship as the 2nd seed, they faced off against previously undefeated Iowa. Rising to the challenge, Kaelyn emerged as the leading scorer, helping her team secure a thrilling 2-point victory. "My teammates and I stepped up, and it felt amazing to win the championship," she says.





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