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Student Athlete of the Week: Anna Svirsko, Greater Johnstown

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Anna Svirsko loves competition, plain and simple.

Not only does the Greater Johnstown High School senior play for her school's soccer and girls basketball teams, she brings competition into her academic work as well.

Svirsko, the top-ranked student in her class, was the captain on the Trojans scholastic quiz team, which recently finished third in the Laurel Highlands.

Beginning in early October, members of the teams compete against students from other schools. Svirsko is her school's math expert.

Now that the scholastic quiz season is over, Svirsko is working to develop a reading competition at Johnstown to compete against students from other schools.

As a shooting guard on the basketball, Svirsko is one of several players head coach Tom Rovida will expect to contribute in the upcoming season. Anna is one of our dedicated, die-hard players, said Tom Rovida, head basketball coach for the Trojans. She'll do anything we ask her to do. She's a leader on and off the court.

Although she is not a regular starter, Rovida believes she has much to offer the team. We want to see her scoring a few more points, handling the ball more against the presses we face. And even if she isn't putting up big points, Rovida said the senior can contribute in other ways. With her knowledge, she's able to help other kids in knowing the plays and running the offenses. We get her to figure out our percentages for our foul shots. She can work it out in no time, he said.

Svirsko is also the president of the National Honor Society, vice president of the Spanish Honor Society and participates in the Key Club. Although she has yet to decide what school she will attend next fall, Svirsko plans to major in mathematics. She credits her parents, teachers and coaches with helping her succeed.



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