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ALTOONA MIRROR HIGH SCHOOL  
**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

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**Ariel Rocco**

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Name: Ariel Rocco

School: Northern Cambria

Age: 18

Grade: Senior

Sport: Basketball

Athlete of week achievement: Rocco was named MVP of the Cambria Heights Christmas Tournament. She totaled 29 points and 35 rebounds in two games.

Season update: Rocco averages 14.7 points and 12.7 rebounds

Coach Eric Thomas' quote: "In all of my years of coaching, she is at the top as one of the hardest workers I've had. ... When we really needed her in the tournament, she came up huge - especially rebounding."

Favorite teacher: Mr. Link

Favorite subject: Chemistry

Favorite movie: "The Dark Knight"

Favorite food: Pizza

Favorite song: "Any Way You Want It" by Journey

Outside interests: Volleyball, track, hanging with friends, watching TV

Favorite pro team: Tennessee Titans

Favorite college team: Pittsburgh Panthers

Pro athlete most admired: Peyton Manning

Best athlete I ever played with: Brittany Sedlock

Best athlete I ever competed against: Bishop Guilfoyle's Alli Williams

Most influential person on my athletic career: My dad

Proudest athletic achievement: Winning states in volleyball and getting second in basketball

How I got my start in basketball: My whole family played and we always would just shoot around outside.

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