

## Female athlete of the week - Valley News Dispatch

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**Hannah Shaffer**

School: Apollo-Ridge

Class: Junior

Sport: Girls basketball

Shaffer, a 5-foot-8 point guard, has helped lead Apollo-Ridge to a perfect start (6-0, 2-0). Shaffer is averaging 15.5 points per game for the Vikings. She was named the Most Valuable Player at the season-opening Springdale Tournament.

### **What did it mean to be named MVP of the Springdale Tournament and to help your team win that event?**

Definitely. It gave us confidence going into our section games. We know we can do this. It helped me a lot, too.

### **Who is going to be the toughest opponent to beat in Section 1-AA and why?**

Ford City and Burrell. Ford City has Marisa Wolfe (a Penn State recruit) and Lynzee Panchik. They're very good players. We have to play strong defense. And Burrell's Taylor Myers is a decent forward.

### **Who is your favorite women's player?**

Pitt's Mercedes Walker (who is now playing in Europe). We watched the Pitt girls play last season. We got T-shirts signed. We do a lot of things as a team. We're really close.

-- By Paul Kogut