


Mobile Version: mobile.altoonamirror.com

RSS: 

Altoona, PA
 **46°F** [Extended Forecast](#)
[Find Another Location](#)
 Data provided by The Weather Channel ©

 [CLICK HERE](#) **KIDS' WEATHER**

[Classifieds](#) | [Submit News](#) | [Subscribe](#) | [Create an Account](#) | [Home](#)

Member Login: Email: Password: [GO](#)

Search: Local News Classified [EZToUseBigBook](#) Web [GO](#)

[Local News](#) | [Obituaries](#) | [Business](#) | [Crime Center](#) | [Weather](#) | [Editorials](#) | [Local Sports](#) | [Steelers](#) | [Scoreboard](#) | [Penn State](#) | [Life](#) | [Community](#)
[State](#) | [National](#) | [Special Sections](#) | [Mirror Locator](#) | [Tour of Homes](#) | [Blogs](#) | [Forums](#) | [Submit Your News](#)



Girls' AOW: Valeria 'unselfish and great leader'

POSTED: December 18, 2007 [Save](#) | [Print](#) | [Email](#) | [Read comments](#) | [Post a comment](#)

Name: Jen Valeria

School: Northern Cambria

Age: 17

Grade: 12

Sport: Basketball

Athlete of week achievement: Valeria scored 14 points in last Monday's 55-40 win over Penns Manor, 17 in Wednesday's 55-22 win over Purchase Line and 15 in Friday's 70-40 win over Marion Center.

Season update: Valeria is averaging 15.1 points, 5 assists and 5 steals per game for Northern Cambria.

Coach Eric Thomas' quote: "She's been a real good, solid player so far. This is my fourth year with her, and she started a good bit as a freshman. She's done a great job for us offensively and defensively. We have a lot of balance this year too. She's very unselfish and a great leader."

Favorite teacher: Mrs. Micco

Favorite subject: English

Favorite movie: "Disturbia"

Favorite food: Barbeque wings

Favorite song: "With You" by Chris Brown

Outside interests: Shopping, hanging out with friends and family

Favorite pro team: Pittsburgh Steelers

Favorite college team: Penn State

Pro athlete most admired: Kobe Bryant

Best athlete I ever played with: My sister, Jess

Best athlete I ever competed against: Westmont Hilltop's Kelly Britcher

Most influential person on my athletic career: My family, especially my sister

Proudest athletic achievement: Making it to the state playoffs in volleyball all four years

How I got my start in basketball: I started playing in fourth grade. I always wanted to play because of my sister.

Future goal: Win the Heritage Conference in basketball this year and move on to districts and states

News

[Local News](#)
[Obituaries](#)
[Business](#)
[Crime Center](#)
[For the Record](#)
[Weather](#)

NIE Auction

Opinion

[Editorials](#)
[Letters to the Editor](#)
[Other Commentaries](#)

Sports

[Local Sports](#)
[Altoona Curve](#)
[Pirates](#)
[Steelers](#)
[Outdoors](#)

Scholastic Sports

[Football](#)
[Scoreboard](#)
[Basketball](#)
[Wrestling](#)
[Athlete of the Week](#)

Penn State

Sports Columns

Voice of the Fan

Life

[Area Life](#)
[Community](#)
[School Lunches](#)
[Our Towns](#)
[Recipes](#)
[My Ride](#)
[Announcement Forms](#)
[Share Your Story](#)

Project Reporting

Election 2007

[Stories & Results](#)

Yesteryear

Multimedia

AP News

[State](#)
[National](#)
[International](#)

AP Sports

[Subscribe to Altoona Mirror](#)

Member Comments

[View Comments](#) | [Post a comment](#)

No comments posted for this article.

You must first login before you can comment.

Existing Member Login

Not a Member? [Create an Account](#)

*Your email address: