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NC players 'look up to' Valeria

Name: Jenn Valeria

School: Northern Cambria

Age: 16

Grade: 11

Sport: Basketball

Athlete of week achievement: Valeria scored 20 points Tuesday night in a 70-36 win over Laurel Valley, 11 on Thursday in a 66-45 win over Saltsburg and 11 points Friday in a 45-44 win over previously undefeated Punxsutawney.

Season update: Valeria is averaging about 14 points and four steals and leads the Lady Colts in assists.

Coach Eric Thomas' quote: "She's a very consistent player. She does a lot more than score. We're a very young team, and she's definitely someone others look up to."

Favorite teacher: Mrs. Brawley

Favorite subject: English

Favorite movie: "She's the Man"

Favorite food: Pierogies

Favorite song: "We Fly High" by Jim Jones

Outside interests: Hanging out with friends, family and shopping

Favorite pro team: Pittsburgh Steelers

Favorite college team: Penn State



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Pro athlete most admired: Kobe Bryant

Best athlete I ever played with: My sister, Jess

Best athlete I ever competed against: Cambria Heights' Amber Dubyak

Most influential person on my athletic career: My brother, Robert, and my sister

Proudest athletic achievement: Making state finals in volleyball this year and getting named all-state

How I got my start in basketball: My sister influenced me, and I started playing in elementary school.

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

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