



*The mission of the Monroe Athletic Booster Club (MABC) is to facilitate and promote the activities of the Monroe High School's sport programs. MABC will work with the coaches and administration to support the athletic program by providing funds, boosting attendance, building morale and providing an enjoyable healthy environment for the student-athletes. MABC will be responsible for raising funds required to meet the club's objectives.*

## *Hornet Fans,*

- Senior **Jake Essig**, who has been playing soccer since age four, has been selected to the 1992 Olympic Development Team for Ohio South. To make it onto the team, he had to survive five rounds of cuts to be one of 18 players (plus six alternates) named to the state team from a field of several hundred players.
- Hornet Day is fast approaching – **Sunday, August 23rd!** Here's some info about the event:

**Logistics:**

Date	Sunday, August 23
Time	5:00 - 7:00 pm
Location	Monroe High School Sports Complex

**Objectives:**

1. Build school spirit & pride
2. Recognize student-athletes
3. Build rapport with young athletes & feeder programs
4. Give back to the Hornet Fans

**Agenda:**

4:50	Student-athletes / band members arrive at stadium
5:00	Welcome: athletes & band members introduced to fans
5:30 - 7:00	Photographs / autographs with favorite athletes & band members in front of 'The Hive'
	Locker decorations
	Tours of film room / trainer's room / weight room
	Booster Club booth with info flyer / forms
	Spirit Wear sale
	Dunking booth
	Ice cream
5:30 - 6:15	Football mini-camp on the field
6:15 - 7:00	Soccer, VB, golf, cheerleading, CC & band mini-camps
7:00	Clean-up

**Mark your calendars and plan to meet the 2009 Fall Season Student-Athletes!**



- If you're looking for a warm-up golf outing to prepare yourself for the MABC Golf Outing on August 9th, consider taking on the 2009 Justin Brittain Memorial Open on July 18th. The entry form is attached.

The Justin Brittain Memorial Scholarship Foundation has been an unfailing benefactor for over a decade, awarding 103 scholarships within the local community – many recipients have been Monroe students and programs. This foundation was established in 1997 to continue the nurturing ways of a young man who died too soon. Justin Brittain was an alumnus of Monroe High School; and he was a man who, regardless of the hardships he had to endure daily due to his illness, always found time to coach, counsel or simply listen to children.

## *Pulse & Journal quotes:*

**Jake Essig:** “I didn’t think I was going to make it this far. I was just doing it for the experience and the training. It’s probably one of my biggest accomplishments soccer wise. It’s definitely making me a better player because I am playing with the best players from Ohio.”

**Christian McElroy**, who committed to UC to play baseball: “At the beginning of the season, I was just looking to be able to play baseball somewhere. It’s always been a dream to play D-I. I never thought it was impossible, but being this is my first year really as a pitcher, all this does seem a little unreal.”

**Coach Oster**, regarding **Essig**: “It’s a great accomplishment. It’s a program where players who are high level club soccer players from all over the state try to get on the team and only a handful of them do. It’s a great honor.”

## *Our Thanks*

Thanks to **Richard Rainey** for his continued support of the student-athletes and Athletic Booster Club!!!

**Monroe Medical Center** supports the student-athletes by purchasing an ad in the Booster Club’s athletic program. We thank

**Monroe Medical Center** for helping the student-athletes, teams and Booster Club reach their goals. **Monroe Medical Center** supports our student-athletes, so let’s support them!



## Reegan Reece

Claim to Fame:	“Starting on both of my varsity teams and getting straight A’s my freshmen year.”
Toughest opponents:	Madison and Waynesville.
Pre-game rituals:	“Having a pre-game prayer with the team, participating in the team chant and warming up by myself.”
Something you can’t live without:	“Listening to music.”
The words you live by:	“Always live life the best you can and don’t have any regrets.”
Biggest influence:	“My parents.”
Most memorable moment:	“Getting to play with all the seniors on the varsity team my freshmen year.”
What’s in your MP3 player:	“A lot of Christian songs and some pictures of my family.”
Worst habit:	“Being on the computer too much.”
Person you would trade places with for a day:	Candace Parker.
Talent you’d most like to have:	“To be able to fly.”
Favorite gym to play in:	“Monroe, because it just feels like it’s my home court.”
Favorite movie:	“Love and Basketball”
Favorite music artist:	Hawk Nelson.
Favorite TV show:	“Gilmore Girls.”
Favorite subject in school:	Math.
Your heros:	“My parents.”
Bet you didn’t know:	“I have been grounded for reading too much.”
Exercise you hate the most:	Push-ups.
When I’m bored, I like to ...	“Read, listen to music or watch TV.”
Luckiest person in the world:	“Anybody who gets to live out their dream.”
Last movie you saw:	“Up.”
Best thing about basketball:	“Going out there and playing with your friends, having fun and winning.”
Worst thing about basketball:	“Losing.”
In 10 years, I’ll be ...	“Hopefully teaching and coaching basketball in the area.”