

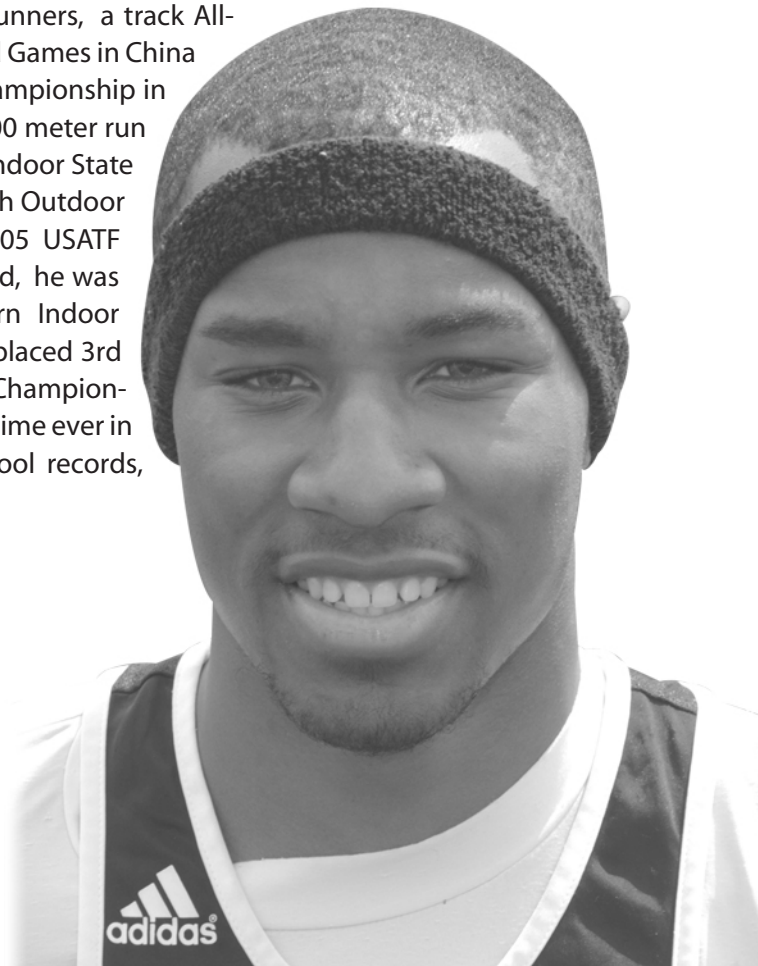
LaRosa's MVP of the Week

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William Johnson

Lakota East High School

This senior is only 17 years old but is one of Ohio's top runners, a track All-American who later this year will be competing in the World Games in China for Team USA. As a junior, William won the Ohio state championship in the 3,200 relay and came in 4th in the 800. He won the 800 meter run in the Ohio Association of Track & Cross Country Coaches Indoor State Championships last year, and won the 800 in the USA Youth Outdoor Track & Field Championships. He placed 4th at the 2005 USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships. And, he was both 800 and 1,600 champion at the AAU Southern Indoor National Championships. This past March, he placed 3rd in the 800 at the Nike Indoor National Championships -- his 1:53.9 was the 2nd fastest time ever in Ohio. The holder of numerous school records, William will run next year at Jackson State University.



William Johnson Lakota East High School

SPORT(S): Track-Football

GRADUATING YR.: 2006

BIRTHDATE: 11-17-88

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6'1" - 160 lbs.

RESIDENCE: West Chester

PARENTS: Anthony & Marlene

BIGGEST INFLUENCE: "Parents and Rhayhe Anderson."



COACH'S QUOTE -- "William has become one of the country's top 800 meter runners through a lot of hard work for the past eight years. He has put in a year round effort to improve his strength and speed while maintaining the fine endurance background that he had developed early as he began his running career. William is a great competitor and I will not be surprised to see him running for the USA national team before he is finished with his running." – Jason Lindsay, Track Coach

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