

D211 POST: TRIPLE LETTER PALATINE ATHLETE SELECTED WINTRUST ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Bridget Witt, a representative of Palatine Bank and Trust, presents a plaque to Eddie Orozco, a senior at Palatine High School, recognizing him as the Wintrust Athlete of the Week.

Eduardo “Eddie” Orozco, a senior at Palatine High School, was selected by Wintrust Community Bank as their “Athlete of the Week.” Orozco, who has received varsity letters in football, wrestling, and track, was presented with a plaque Feb. 14.

“Eddie is the perfect student to represent our program,” said head wrestling coach Jeff Keske. “Commitment, hardworking, and perseverance are three words which describe him.”

Orozco injured his shoulder during his final season wrestling at Palatine. Keske said most athletes would consider their season over.

“This is late in the season,” said Keske. “We were thinking, his high

school career was done.”

Keske said Orozco worked out while recovering and made a surprising return to finish his season through regional and sectional athletes.

Head football coach Corey Olson, who nominated Orozco for the award, said it was Orozco’s performance both on and off the field which led to the nomination.

“He’s a three-sport athlete, a member of numerous clubs, and does a lot of service throughout the community,” Olson said. “He just exemplifies the type of leadership you’re looking for in athletes, and students in general,”

Orozco said he was surprised and honored to receive the award.

“It was a big honor,” he said. “It’s cool to see my hard work doesn’t go un-noticed.”



Students from Palatine High School crowd around Eddie Orozco while congratulating him on being named the Wintrust Athlete of the Week.

Orozco added that his family has been a large contributor to his success in school and athletics.

“My family was always there for me,” he added. “My dad and mom have sacrificed so much to make sure we had what we need. If they can work that hard,

there is no reason I couldn't."

With graduation approaching for Orozco, he said he plans to go to college. Though he has received multiple letters, he has not made a definitive choice on where he will attend