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The Mules Booster Club has selected Bailey Edmundson and Preston Burroughs of Poplar Bluff High School as the October Athletes of the Month, presented by Academy Sports + Outdoors.

Preston, a senior, was the offensive lineman for Mules Football during its undefeated regular season, helping the team average 34.6 points per game. He was a starter for three years and was named to the All-Conference team. In the classroom, Preston maintains a 7.78 GPA.

Preston's coach, Mark Barousse, called him a "great young man," noting that he excelled as an athlete despite overcoming ACL surgery on his knee.

Bailey Edmundson, a sophomore, helped lead the Competition Cheerleading Team to win second in states the past two consecutive years, during which the Universal Cheerleaders Association named her an All-American. This year she also received All-State recognition at the competition of the Missouri Cheerleading Coaches Association. She has an 11.071 GPA.

"Bailey goes above and beyond to help others on the cheerleading squad," coach Stephanie Hillis said. "She has knowledge of the sport and a passion for it that truly helps to lead the squad. Bailey is an awesome athlete and someone who has a good disposition about her."

Pictured: Booster Club member Brian Taylor (right) presents Bailey Edmundson and Preston Burroughs awards for Athletes of the Month on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

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