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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The Mules Booster Club has named Krisman Eakin and Ben Stewart of Poplar Bluff High School the May Athletes of the Month, presented by Academy Sports + Outdoors.

Ben, an incoming senior tennis player, had a 2018 singles record of 22-4 and a career record of 46-5. He placed first in singles at the Poplar Bluff and Farmington Invitational respectively, finished second in singles at the SEMO Conference, and placed first in singles at individual districts. In the classroom, he maintains a 3.8 grade point average.

“Ben is a great student, person and athlete,” said Charley Harper, tennis coach. “Having coached him for three years, I have seen how he sets goals and pursues them with a passion. He was a good tennis player as a freshman and has worked hard to get better every year.”

In track and field, Krisman Eakin of the Class of 2018 broke the 400-meter record at sectionals in Kirkwood with 58.55 seconds. She qualified for All Conference and All District in the 100, 200, 400 and 4x4; and All State in the 100, 200 and 400 meter.

“Krisman is a very dedicated, skilled and knowledgeable track athlete,” said Beth Lewis, track coach. “Her hard work and dedication shows through every time she steps foot onto the track. She has been a huge asset to the girls’ Poplar Bluff Track team.”

Pictured: Presenting the awards on Monday, June 4, to Krisman Eakin and Ben Stewart is Booster Club member Brian Taylor.

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