



Penn Station Athlete of the Month

November 2019 Columbus Market

School: Groveport Madison High School

**Student:** Ricky Cooper

**GPA:** 3.94

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**Athletic Director:** Steve Petros

**Sport:** Basketball and Golf

**Parents:** Lynn and Rick Cooper

**Sibling/s:** Price and Ty Cooper

**Favorite Penn Station Restaurant:** Canal Winchester

**Favorite Penn Station Sandwich:** Philly Cheesesteak

**Extracurricular Activities:** National Honor Society, DECA Program

**Favorite Book:** Playing with Purpose: Basketball

**Role Model:** My Dad

**Sports Role Model:** Tom Brady

**Greatest Achievement So Far:** In DECA, my friend and I received 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Ohio State competition. This qualified us for DECA ICDC 2019

**Plans After High School:** I plan to study Sports Management at a four-year college

**How has participating in high school athletics benefited you?** It has taught me the value of hard work and time management. When you work hard in the offseason, it will pay off during your playing time. My participation in athletics has also improved my time management. The stress of homework, playing 2 sports, watching youth sports, being a Christ follower, and running high school broadcasts have all taught me to be efficient with my time. When you balance those things, it prepares you for life after school. I plan how I study for tests during the school week. I have to work around practices and games to get the best grade possible.



**What made you decide to play the sport for which you were named the Penn Station Athlete of the Month?** I decided to play golf because it is a game you can play forever. As we get older, we won't be able to run as fast or jump as high as we once did. In golf, you play the same courses and we use the same clubs as long as you like. You are also not competing against a competitor, but the course itself.