The definition of a scholar athlete is one who excels in the class room as well in her athletic endeavors. That description fits 1999 Muncy graduate Patti Hatches to a T. Patti who was her classes Valedictorian, lettered four years in basketball and four years in tennis.

Patti Hatches is “Simply the Best”, low post player in Lady Indian basketball history. She shattered numerous records during her outstanding basketball career. Patti broke the Lady Indians rebounding record during the 1998-1999 season and set a new one at 1136 rebounds. She also broke the all-time career scoring record for both the girls and boys as she tallied 1720 points. Patti also broke the single season record for the girls with 531 point during her senior season.

Patti was the Most Valuable Player in the Mid-Penn Conference her junior and senior seasons. She served those two years as a tri-captain for the Lady Indians. Patti was selected to the third team All-State in 1998-1999. Her teams qualified for post season play all four years she competed at the varsity level.
Basketball awards, Patti accumulated over the years. At Loyalsock basketball camps she received 3 hot shot trophies, 1 foul shot trophy, 2-1 on 1 trophies, 1-2 on 2 trophies and the promising player award. At the Slippery Rock University team camp she was the hot shot champion (out of 600 participants). At the Susquehanna University Post Player camp, she won the MVP for the two years she attended as well as 2 hot shot trophies, 2-1 on 1 trophies and 1 foul shot trophy. At the James Madison University team camp she was chosen for the all-star team. At the Keystone State basketball camp she received a 3-on-3 trophy and a team camp champions’ trophy.

Patti played AAU basketball in 1996 and 1997. After all her hard work, Patti received a basketball scholarship to Lock Haven University. Unfortunately a severe knee injury during her freshman season ended her college career on the basketball court but not the classroom. Patti graduated Summa Cum Laude, Honors with Distinction, with a B.S. in Health Science/Athletic Training (3.95 GPA) and graduated with a Masters Degree in Athletic Training from West Virginia University (4.0 GPA).

Patti who had an outstanding tennis career was seeded number one in tennis league play in both singles and doubles, 1997. She was seeded first in District IV doubles in 1997, while finishing her tennis career being seeded third in doubles and fifth in singles during the 1998 season.

Patti was recognized by the West Branch Hall-of-Fame in 1998 as the female athlete of the year for her outstanding performances in basketball and tennis.

Patti’s current sports activity is competing as a tri-athlete.