

# TEEN OF THE WEEK

## Columbia's Nobile: More than an athlete

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When it comes to sports, Nicholas Nobile is a triple threat.



The Columbia High School senior played football and basketball and is getting ready for his third sport -- track.

"This will be my first season doing track," says Nobile, 18, who has been playing football since fifth grade and basketball since fourth grade. "I wanted to try something new this spring."

Nobile is not sure if he will do an event such as the 800 or maybe the high jump. It will be up to the coach to determine where his talents lie.

As for football and basketball, he's already a seasoned player. In football, he played wide receiver and defensive back for the Crimson Tide. In 2011, Columbia's football team won the district championship. In 2012, it made it to districts, but lost in the first round.

For the basketball team, Nobile was a point guard. The team finished third in the districts in 2012 and fourth this year.

"I like basketball because of the strategy involved," Nobile says.

That's not surprising. Not only is Nobile a star athlete, but he's a top student academically, too. He's a member of the National Honor Society, excelling in math. He also likes science, and this year he's been intrigued with his studies in psychology.

"It's interesting to study human behavior and why we act the way we do," Nobile says.

Nobile is a Student

Council member at Columbia, where he's been involved as attendance officer. He has participated in some of the changes at the high school, with the transition to block scheduling and the senior project requirements. He also will be involved in the Mini-Thon for the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital to fight childhood cancer.

Nobile is set to attend West Chester University, where he hopes to major in speech pathology. His experiences as a K-6 flag football coach have shown him that he has an affinity for working with children. He hopes that as a speech pathologist he will be able to help youngsters develop speech and language abilities.

"Many times kids who have speech problems get picked on. I'd like to help them overcome speech problems," Nobile says.

If he winds up working in a school district, it also would be a great opportunity to coach basketball, football or both.

The son of Robert and Christine Nobile, he has an older sister, Emily, who's a junior at Kutztown University.

The family has spent many summers at its cabin on the Susquehanna River, where they go boating, waterskiing, jet-skiing and just relaxing in the river. They often take their playful goldendoodle, Bailey, along for the fun.

Nobile isn't one to take it easy. He's been working at Musser's Markets since he was a junior, stocking shelves with groceries. This summer he'll also be working for Turkey Hill, in the frozen foods department. He's busy saving up for college, and his future as a speech pathologist and coach.