Midwest Members Credit Union Female Athlete Of The Month: Roxana Senior Gianna Stassi Caps Postseason At State Championships

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ROXANA - Roxana High School senior Gianna Stassi capped her cross country postseason with an 89th-place finish at the IHSA Class 1A state championships Nov. 7, 2026, at Detweiller Park in Peoria after helping the Shells qualify with a top-10 sectional performance.

Stassi finished the state race in 19 minutes, 4.3 seconds. The three-sport athlete, who also competes in track and field and soccer, has reached the IHSA state finals in both cross country and track during her high school career.

“She is a once-in-every-10-years type of talent for this high school,” Roxana’s head girls cross country coach Ben Scamihorn said.

Gianna is a Midwest Members Credit Union Female Athlete of the Month for the Shells.

Stassi’s path to the state meet included a fifth-place individual finish at the IHSA Trenton Wesclin Class 1A regional. She led Roxana to fifth place in the team standings with 105 points, advancing the Shells to the Murphysboro Sectional.

At the sectional on Oct. 31, 2026, Stassi placed eighth in 18:52.66. Her top-10 finish earned All-Sectional honors and helped Roxana secure fifth place as a team to qualify for state.

Scamihorn cited Stassi’s low scoring at postseason meets, particularly her All-Sectional performance, as a major reason the Shells was able to qualify for state as a team.

The coach also described her as possibly "the most talented female athlete" he has worked with, "especially with the demands of competing at a high level in multiple sports."

Stassi plans to play soccer at Millikin.