

WARMUP

# SPORTSKIDS

## Of The MONTH

### Galan Pillow, 11

Richmond, Virginia

#### TRACK AND FIELD

Galan lives by the motto, Work hard, train hard. And it's brought him nothing but success. The 2008 Virginia Male Amateur Athlete of the Year won the discus, high jump, 1,500-meter race, and the 800 meters (all in the 9- to 10-year-old division) at the 2008 Coventry Commonwealth Games of Virginia. At the 2009 South Zone Junior Olympic Indoor Championships, he won his favorite event, the 3,000 meters, in the 11- to 12-year-old division.



### Alyvia Jones, 8

Midland, Michigan

#### TENNIS

Alyvia finished the 2008 season as the top-ranked girls' tennis player (10-and-under division) in the

Midwest. In October she won her first national championship, at the Little Mo Nationals (8-year-old division), and also won the Midwest Junior Fall Closed Championships (10-and-under division). Her overall record was 23-2.



### Keith Baldassare, 13

Merritt Island, Florida

#### SKATEBOARDING

Keith broke the Guinness world record for consecutive frontside ollies (348) in September. The feat

raised money for Grind For Life, a charity that gives financial help to cancer patients. He is the 2008 Vans Warped Tour amateur mini ramp champion and the 2007 Florida Bowlriders Cup champion (12-and-under division).



### Robert Welsch, 15

Fayetteville, Arkansas

#### FENCING

Robert won the 2008 Fete de Fleuret tournament in mixed épée in September. The victory earned

him an A rating, the highest level in fencing. In March, Robert was one of 24 competitors selected to represent the United States at a senior World Cup tournament. He placed 16th in the men's senior épée competition.

Are YOU a SportsKid?

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