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ROCKHURST'S HILL HEADLINES MEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-GLVC FIRST TEAM

JUNIOR GUARD LEADS HAWKS BACK TO GLVC MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

INDIANAPOLIS – Rockhurst University's Aaron Hill is the 2008-09 Great Lakes Valley Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Year. Hill, a junior guard from Canton, Missouri, is one of five to earn a spot on the All-GLVC Men's Basketball First Team as selected by the league's head coaches.

Joining Hill on the All-GLVC First Team is Bellarmine's Chartrael Hall, Lewis' Brandon Dagens, Southern Indiana's Jamar Smith and UW-Parkside's LaVontay Fenderson.

Hill is averaging 20.5 points per game this season and ranks second in the league in scoring average. He has helped the Hawks return to the GLVC Tournament after missing the event in 2007-08. Hill is also among league-leaders in assists (3.48 apg) and free throw percentage (86.3) and leads the GLVC in three-point field goal percentage (47.0) and three-point field goals made per game (3.78).

In addition to the five first-team selections, the GLVC has also announced a five-member All-GLVC Second Team. Members of the All-GLVC Second Team include Drury's Chris Ijames, Kentucky Wesleyan's T.J. Smith, Northern Kentucky's Dustin Maguire and Leslie Malone and Southern Indiana's Anthony Pimble.

The GLVC head coaches have also selected Rockhurst's Bill O'Connor as the 2008-09 Men's Basketball Coach of the Year. O'Connor led the Hawks to an 18-9 overall record and to a second-place finish in the GLVC West Division. Rockhurst finished the conference season with a 13-4 league record. O'Connor has posted a 221-206 career record in 15 years as the head coach of the Hawks. It marks the first GLVC Coach of the Year award for the esteemed head coach.

Bellarmino University's Braydon Hobbs has been named the 2008-09 GLVC Men's Basketball Freshman of the Year. Hobbs is averaging 13.7 points, 4.7 rebounds and 4.3 assists for the Knights. His efforts have helped the Knights to a 22-5 overall record and to the No. 2 seed in the GLVC East Division with a 13-5 league mark. In addition, Hobbs has also been named to the All-GLVC Men's Basketball Third Team.

Joining Hobbs with third-team recognition is Indianapolis' Keith Radcliff, Lewis' Jason Genova, Northern Kentucky's DeAaron Williams, Quincy's Billy Baptist and Justin Brock, Rockhurst's Alden Smith, Saint Joseph's Phillip Collins and Brandon Mayse and Southern Indiana's Brandon Russ.

The complete All-GLVC Teams follow:

GLVC PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Aaron Hill, Rockhurst, Jr., Guard

GLVC FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR: Braydon Hobbs, Bellarmine, Fr., Guard

GLVC COACH OF THE YEAR: Bill O'Connor, Rockhurst

First Team

Brandon Dagens, Sr., Lewis
LaVontay Fenderson, Sr., UW-Parkside
Chartrael Hall, Sr., Bellarmine
Aaron Hill, Jr., Rockhurst
Jamar Smith, Jr., Southern Indiana

Second Team

Chris Ijames, Sr., Drury
Dustin Maguire, So., Northern Kentucky
Leslie Malone, Sr., Northern Kentucky
Anthony Pimble, Sr., Southern Indiana
T.J. Smith, Sr., Kentucky Wesleyan

Third Team

Billy Baptist, Jr., Quincy
Justin Brock, So., Quincy
Phillip Collins, Fr., Saint Joseph's
Jason Genova, Sr., Lewis
Braydon Hobbs, Fr., Bellarmine
Brandon Mayse, Sr., Saint Joseph's
Keith Radcliff, Sr., Indianapolis
Brandon Russ, Jr., Southern Indiana
Alden Smith, Sr., Rockhurst
DeAaron Williams, Sr., Northern Kentucky

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