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DRURY’S CARTER NAMED GLVC WOMEN’S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR
SENIOR GUARD GUIDES PANTHERS TO GLVC’S TOP OVERALL SEED

INDIANAPOLIS – Drury University’s Molly Carter, a senior guard from Springfield, Missouri, is the 2008 Great Lakes Valley Conference Women’s Basketball Player of the Year. Carter is one of five GLVC women’s basketball players to be named to the All-GLVC First Team as decided on by the league’s head coaches.

Also earning first-team honors are Missouri S&T’s Tamara McCaskill, Northern Kentucky’s Angela Healy, Quincy’s Jessica Keller and SIU Edwardsville’s Amber Shelton.

Carter is averaging 14.6 points, 4.0 rebounds, 4.1 assists and 3.6 steals per game this season for the Panthers and has helped guide them to the semifinals of the 2008 GLVC Basketball Tournament. She leads the league in steals this season, ranks ninth in the conference in scoring and is shooting 41.7 percent from the field and 37.1 percent from behind the three-point line.

Carter increased her scoring production in conference games this season, upping her output to 16.7 points and 4.2 rebounds per game. Her efforts enabled the Panthers to secure the top seed in the GLVC West Division with a 16-3 league mark.

This marks Carter’s second consecutive season on the All-GLVC First Team.

Drury head coach Steve Harold, in his first year at the helm of the Panthers, has led his club to the semifinals of the GLVC Tournament and to a 25-3 overall record. Due to these feats, Harold has been named the recipient of the Chuck Mallender Coach of the Year Award as selected by his fellow GLVC head coaches.

The Panthers, currently ranked eighth in the USA Today/ESPN Top 25 Coaches Poll and first in the Great Lakes Region, have been ranked as high as No. 3 in the country this season. Harold helped his club put together a 15-game winning streak in conference play, helping the Panthers ice the top overall seed for the GLVC Tournament.

UIndy’s Samantha Meissel, a freshman forward from Terre Haute, Indiana, has been named the GLVC Freshman of the Year. Meissel has helped UIndy to a 22-6 overall record this season and a 13-6 mark in GLVC action. She is averaging 13.3 points and 5.5 rebounds for the Greyhounds who have advanced to the semifinals of the 2008 GLVC Basketball Tournament.

In addition to the five-member All-GLVC First Team, a five-member All-GLVC Second Team and 11-member All-GLVC Third Team has been selected.

The complete All-GLVC Teams follow:
GLVC PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Molly Carter, Drury, Sr., Guard
GLVC FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR: Samantha Meissel, UIndy, Fr., Forward
GLVC COACH OF THE YEAR: Steve Harold, Drury

FIRST TEAM
Molly Carter, Drury, Sr., Guard
Angela Healy, Northern Kentucky, Sr., Post
Jessica Keller, Quincy, Jr., Guard
Tamara McCaskill, Missouri S&T, Jr., Guard/Forward
Amber Shelton, SIU Edwardsville, Sr., Forward

SECOND TEAM
Jasmine Baines, Southern Indiana, Sr., Forward
LaTasha Henry, Kentucky Wesleyan, Sr., Forward
Karla Mast, UIndy, Sr., Guard
Kayla Ming, UW-Parkside, Sr., Guard
Angela Smith, Bellarmine, Sr., Guard

THIRD TEAM
Lindsay Ballweg, Drury, So., Guard
Cassie Brannen, Northern Kentucky, Jr., Post
Katie Bunge, Missouri S&T, Sr., Forward
Jessica Canary, UIndy, So., Guard
Amanda Gibson, UW-Parkside, So., Guard
Katie McElrath, Missouri S&T, Jr., Center
Samantha Meissel, UIndy, Fr., Forward
Denasha Mondy, Bellarmine, Sr., Guard
Melanie Oliver, Drury, So., Forward
Jessie Slack, Northern Kentucky, Sr., Guard
Katie Willinger, Bellarmine, Sr., Forward

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