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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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