FLYERS’ SCHMIDT RECOGNIZED AS GLVC WOMEN’S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR
SENIOR FORWARD COLLECTS INDIVIDUAL HONOR, ONE OF TWO LEWIS ALL-GLVC FIRST TEAM NODS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Lewis University’s Darcee Schmidt (Machesney Park, Ill.) is the Great Lakes Valley Conference Women’s Basketball Player of the Year. The senior forward is the second consecutive Lewis player to earn the league’s top honor.

Schmidt, who became the school’s all-time leading scorer and single-season scoring leader during the year, helped the Flyers to the GLVC East title in 2006-07.

She leads the league in scoring and is ranked third in the GLVC in rebounding this season. She averages 22.5 points and 7.4 rebounds per game. Schmidt is shooting 52.5 percent from the field, 49.2 percent from the three-point line and 83.2 percent from the free throw line.

Schmidt joins teammate and last season’s GLVC Player of the Year Mary Moskal (Sr., Cherry Valley, Ill.) on the All-GLVC First Team this year. The duo helped the Flyers to a school record 17-2 GLVC record and 23-4 overall mark.

Fellow All-GLVC First Team selections include Drury University’s Molly Carter (Jr., Springfield, Mo.), Northern Kentucky University Brittany Winner (Sr., Minster, Ohio) and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville’s Amber Shelton (Jr., Edwardsville, Ill.).

Lewis’ Lynn Plett has been named The Chuck Mallender Coach of the Year. Plett guided the Flyers to the top seed in the GLVC East and a 24-3 record. In his fifth season at the helm, Plett has compiled an 87-55 record. The GLVC honor earned this season is his second overall. He previously was named GLVC Coach of the Year following the 1994-95 season while the head coach at Saint Joseph’s College.

Kentucky Wesleyan’s Latoshia Lawrence (Owensboro, Ky.) has been named the GLVC Freshman of the Year. She has helped the Panthers to an 18-9 overall record while averaging 12.4 points per game. Lawrence’s efforts were key in solidifying a berth for the Panthers in the upcoming GLVC Tournament. She is shooting 46.6 percent from the field and pulling down 3.5 rebounds per game this season.

Five players have been named to the All-GLVC Second Team. They include Bellarmine University’s Angela Smith (Jr., Greenville, Ind.), Kentucky Wesleyan’s LaTasha Henry (Jr., Ashland, Ky.), Northern Kentucky’s Angela Healy (Jr., Fort Thomas, Ky.), SIU Edwardsville’s Whitney Sykes (Jr., Pontoon Beach, Ill.) and the University of Indianapolis’ Amanda Norris (Sr., Springport, Ind.).
Honorable Mention All-GLVC honors have been bestowed upon Bellarmine’s Dana Beaven (So., Corydon, Ind.), Drury’s Becky Flippin (Jr., Springfield, Mo.), Kentucky Wesleyan’s Laura McClintic (Jr., Tell City, Ind.), Lewis’ Brittney Diener (Sr., Fond du Loc, Wis.), Northern Kentucky’s Cassie Brannen (So., Cincinnati, Ohio), Quincy’s Jessica Keller (So., Belle, Mo.), the University of Missouri-Rolla’s Tamara McCaskill (So., Edwardsville, Ill.) and Nicole Dierking (Sr., Alma, Mo.), the University of Southern Indiana’s Katie Thiesenhusen (Sr., Muskego, Wis.) and the University of Wisconsin-Parkside’s Ashley Ferguson (Sr., Wauwatosa, Wis.).

Members of the All-GLVC teams present at the GLVC Tournament will be recognized following the 2:30 quarterfinal on March 2.

For more information about the GLVC and each conference member, please visit www.glvcспорts.org.

ALL-GLVC FIRST TEAM
Molly Carter, Jr., Drury - G
Mary Moskal, Sr., Lewis - G
Amber Shelton, Jr., SIU Edwardsville - F
Darcee Schmidt, Sr., Lewis – F
Brittany Winner, Sr., Northern Kentucky - F

ALL-GLVC SECOND TEAM
Angela Smith, Jr., Bellarmine - G
Whitney Sykes, Jr. SIU Edwardsville - G
LaTasha Henry, Jr., Kentucky Wesleyan - F
Amanda Norris, Sr., UIndy - F
Angela Healy, Jr., Northern Kentucky - C

HONORABLE MENTION ALL-GLVC
Katie Thiesenhusen, Sr., Southern Indiana - G
Nicole Dierking, Sr., Missouri-Rolla - G
Jessica Keller, So., Quincy - G
Laura McClintic, Jr., Kentucky Wesleyan - G
Ashley Ferguson, Sr., UW-Parkside - G
Brittney Diener, Sr., Lewis - G
Becky Flippin, Jr., Drury - G
Tamara McCaskill, So., Missouri-Rolla - F
Dana Beaven, So., Bellarmine - F
Cassie Brannen, So., Northern Kentucky - F

PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Darcee Schmidt, Sr., Lewis – F

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR
Latoshia Lawrence, Kentucky Wesleyan

THE CHUCK MALLENDER COACH OF THE YEAR
Lynn Plett, Lewis University