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For immediate release:

Belles earn MIAA basketball honors

Today the MIAA announced their All-Conference teams and Player of the Year honors with two Saint Mary's College players earning distinction. Junior Emily Creachbaum (Elkhart, Ind./Marian HS) was named to her second consecutive All-MIAA Second Team, and junior Katie Boyce (Oak Lawn, Ill./Mother McAuley HS) was named the Defensive Player of the Year while also earning Coaches' Honorable Mention for the second time.

Creachbaum led the Belles this season in field goals, free throws, points and rebounds, was second in blocks, and third in three-point shooting. In the conference, she was eighth in scoring with a 12.7 points per game average, eleventh in rebounding and free throw percentage, tenth in blocked shots, and seventh in defensive rebounds per game.

Voted on by the coaches, earning the defensive superlative shows how much of a thorn in their side other coaches viewed the pesky Boyce. She led the Belles and was fifth in the conference in steals per game with 1.83. Boyce also led Saint Mary's in assists with 2.67 per game which was twelfth in the MIAA, and was the Saint Mary's assists leader in 12 games this season. She also led the team in assists/turn over ratio, and showed a knack for being in the right place at the right time ranking third on the team in offensive rebounds.

The Belles finished the season 7-19 but lose only one senior, and both Creachbaum and Boyce return for their own senior campaigns, hoping to help the program turn the corner in 2004-2005.

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