



BASKETBALL NEWS FALL 2007 TO PRESENT

Two Mount Mary students named to the 2009 All Independent Women's Basketball Teams

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Congratulations to Jordan Osley for being named to the First Team [All-Independent Women's Basketball Team for the Association of Division III Independents](#) and to Sabrina Diaz for being named to the Second Team. This is the first time a Mount Mary College basketball player has been named to such a team.

Osley Named Association of Division III Independents Student-Athlete of the Month Award Winner for January

2/19/09

Jordan Osley, a point guard for Mount Mary College women's basketball team was named today as the recipient of the Association of Division III Independents Student-Athlete of the Month award for January 2009.

Osley, a sophomore accounting major from Milwaukee, WI, averaged 24.3 points per game in the month of January, shooting 40 percent from the field. Osley also shot 29 percent from behind the arc and averaged 8.1 rebounds per game. Osley had a total of 44 assists with an average of 6.3 per game, as well as averaged 4.4 steals per game.

The Association of Division III Independents consists of 17 Division III independent institutions that have joined together to recognize student-athletes at independent institutions, and to provide exempted postseason championship competition in nine sports in 2008-09. The Association recognizes outstanding athletic achievements of its student-athletes on a weekly, monthly and annual basis. The Association provides statistical services for its members in seven sports. In addition, it also will announce All-Independent teams at the conclusion of nine sports this year.

All competing student-athletes from the Association's 17 members were eligible for the award. Each school was allowed to nominate its top performing male and female student-athletes from January. The award recipients were selected after a vote of the Association's Student-Athlete Recognition Committee.

Osley named Association of Division III Independents women's basketball Player of the Week

1/12/09

Mount Mary College sophomore point guard Jordan Osley (Milwaukee, Wis.) has been named the Association of Division III Independents women's basketball Player of the Week. In two games on the week, Osley nearly averaged a triple-double with 27.0 points, 9.5 rebounds and 8.5 assists per game. She was one assist shy of the feat when she produced 36 points, 11 rebounds and 9 assists in a loss to Alverno. She also added 18 points, 8 rebounds, 8 assists and 5 steals in a loss to Dominican.

Blue Angels Bring in the New Year with a Victory

1/02/09

On Friday night, Mount Mary College Women's Basketball team hosted the Finlandia University Lions for their first game of 2009. If the evening was any indication of what is to come, the Blue Angels can look forward to a positive second half of the season.

After winning the opening tip off and scoring the first 2 points of the game, the Blue Angels were off to a great start. Their pressure defense kept the Lions off balance the entire first half and the Blue Angels went into the break leading 44-35.

Natasha Ntekop was a strong presence to start the game, shutting down Finlandia's top scorer Ally Tincknell in the first half. However, she got into foul trouble early and Tincknell managed 9 points and 10 rebounds. Tincknell's effort was not enough to stop the determined Blue Angel team.

The Lions kept chipping away at the Blue Angel lead and went ahead in the game for the first time with 5:09 left on the clock. The two teams continued to exchange point for point ending the second half tied 72-72.

The first over time was no different than the second half. The two teams battled for each bucket. In the final seconds of the game, Osley was put on the free throw line and sank one of two to put the Blue Angels up 78-77. Mount Mary came up with a defensive stop and Coach Juan Farmer called time out to illustrate a beautiful play to come. The team stepped back onto the court and ran it perfectly, leaving a wide open Christian Mason all alone under the basket to put the game away, 80-77.



Ashley O'Brien was the story of the night, going 5-13 from behind the arc and shooting nearly 50% from the field. She lead all players with 29 points and 12 rebounds. Jordan Osley also contributed 19 points and dished 8 times while Sabrina Diaz and Ntekop also put in 11. Amanda O'Brien scored 8 and 2 crucial points came from Christian Mason.

Blue Angels Topped By Hot-Shooting Buccaneers

12/02/2008

Mount Mary College's basketball team began the first of a 6 game stretch on the road in the month of December at Beloit College Tuesday night in Flood Arena. The 3-3 Blue Angels suffered an 88-45 loss to the 2-2 Buccaneers.

Beloit led from the opening tip, scoring the first five points, and put the game away for good with a 23-2 six-minute run that put them up 30-8 with 11:25 left in the opening half. By the end of the first 20 minutes, the Buccaneers led 44-23.

Jordan Osley and Natasha Ntekop led the Blue Angels with 11 points each while Sabrina Diaz added 9 more points with her six rebounds, 4 assists and three steals. Ntekop was also greedy on the boards with seven while nabbing 3 steals. Coming off the bench, Star Carr had nine rebounds to go with her 4 points while Amanda O'Brien also grabbed 6 rebounds and four points.

Excitement Heightens as the Mount Mary College Basketball Team Goes 2-1 on the Week

11/29/2008

The Blue Angels suffered a 76-52 loss to Bethany Lutheran College on their home court to begin the week, but bounced back with two victories versus Silver Lake College and Eureka College.

When asked what caused the unbalanced loss against BLC he replied, "mentally, we were not prepared to begin the game, we started slow with no real press defense and let BLC pick us apart." BLC started the game on top and the Blue Angels just couldn't catch up after the slow start.

Two days later, the Blue Angels faced heated rival Silver Lake College. Natasha Ntekop won the tip off for the team to start the game with an easy lay in by Sabrina Diaz and the team never looked back. Although the game was close, the Blue Angels handled themselves with a calm confidence that fans have not seen before. "We will not let teams push us around anymore, this teams confidence level raises with each game. The young ladies take pride in not being considered a push over anymore," Coach Farmer said of the team that is still hungry for respect.

All five starters had double digit scoring for the Blue Angels and only managed 1 point off the bench for the 75-71 victory. However, it was their defense that kept them in the lead with a team record of 18 steals led by Natasha Ntekop's 10 nabs.

Jordan Osley led the team with 18 points, eight rebounds, eight assists and three steals. Adding 16 was Sabrina Diaz while Ntekop had 15 with an astounding ten steals and thirteen rebounds with the teams first triple-double recorded on the season. Ashley O'Brien added 13 while her sister Amanda put in 12 more.

They carried the momentum into their match up with Eureka College with a 76-70 victory to reward them for their efforts. Again, it was the team's ball pressure defense and quick anticipation that kept them in the lead for the games entirety.

It was the starting five that led the way in even scoring for the Blue Angels. Sophomore point guard, Jordan Osley led all scorers with 23 points while dishing out seven assists and grabbing seven rebounds

and three steals. Diaz and Ashley O'Brien each had 17, Ntekop contributed 13 with her thirteen rebounds and Amanda O'Brien had 6 more.

On Tuesday, December 2, the team begins a 6 game road trip during the month of December that Farmer says will help the team "focus on doing things as a team and bonding."

Blue Angels Begin the Season One and One - Off to the hottest start in recent team history

11/18/08

On Monday night, November 17, the team opened on their home floor against Milwaukee School of Engineering. MSOE led for the entire game, but the Blue Angels always kept the game dangerously close; including creeping within four points late in the second half. Junior point guard, Jordan Osley, led all scorers with 25, with freshman Sabrina Diaz right behind with 18. The effort just wasn't enough with a heart breaking loss, 79-84.

The pair of guards also led the team to their first victory of the season Tuesday night, November 18, at Northland Baptist Bible College making their record 1-1. The win was convincing tallying 84 points to the Pioneers mere 70.

This time Diaz (pictured at left) led all scorers with 28, while dishing four times. Osley had 26 points, 5 steals, 5 assists and 11 rebounds, having an all around great performance. Ashley O'Brien was also in double digits with 11 points and so was her twin sister Amanda throwing in 10 more. Natasha Ntekop was close behind with 9 points and led the team in rebounds with 12.

The Blue Angels look forward to their next contest on their home court vs. Bethany Lutheran College on Sunday, November 23 at 3:00 p.m.

2008-09 Team Preview

11/10/08

As they get ready for a promising season ahead, the Mount Mary College women's basketball team will have youth, energy and enthusiasm on their side. The loses just one starter from last year and returns four letter winners. All four returnees are second year players that will have to step up and lead the team this season.

Junior point guard, Jordan Osley and sophomore forward Ashley O'Brien led the Blue Angels in nearly every statistical category last season except rebounding where Natasha Ntekop (photographed a right) took control of the boards. Ntekop will remain a mainstay around the hoop and will continue aggressive play on the boards.

Both Osley and O'Brien were named Association of Division III Independents Women's Basketball Player of the Week last season as first year collegiate players and will be expected to run the Blue Angel offense.

Amanda O'Brien (St. Francis, WI) also returns to the squad as a consistent presence and an added outside threat. The team looks to newcomer Sabrina Diaz (West Allis, WI) to take on some of the ball handling duties and poses an outside offensive threat. While being a scorer on and off the dribble Diaz's best attribute is her quick hands and feet on defense.

Freshmen play a vital role on the team's success this year as the program brings in five new players to add depth to the Blue Angel roster. Other key newcomers include freshman guard Shamari Saleem (Milwaukee, WI), freshman forward Malinda Henning (Milwaukee, WI), freshman forward Alexis Jones (Chicago, IL) and transfer senior Danielle Becker (Menomonee Falls, WI).

Although the team would typically be considered young, they are far more talented and experienced than last years' squad and expect success.

Osley named Association of Division III Independents women's basketball Player of the Week

Fall 2007

Mount Mary College sophomore point guard Jordan Osley (Milwaukee, Wis.) has been named the Association of Division III Independents women's basketball Player of the Week. Osley averaged 28 points, 6.5 assists and five steals per contest in a pair of games on the week. She tallied 34 points, eight assists and three steals versus Grace Bible College, leading all scorers, and she shot 64% (7-of-11) from three-point range. In Mount Mary's second game of the week, Osley led her team in scoring with 22 points, five assists and seven steals as she shot 43% (3-of-7) from beyond the arc. On the week, Osley shot a blistering 56% from three-point range.

O'Brien named Association of Division III Independents women's basketball Player of the Week

Fall 2007

Mount Mary College freshman forward Ashley O'Brien (St. Francis, Wis.) has been named the Association of Division III Independents women's basketball Player of the Week. O'Brien was a key performer for Mount Mary in their first win of the season over Silver Lake College. She connected on 10-of-15 field goals (66.7%), including 3-of-6 three pointers and 4-of-6 free throws, good for 27 total points.