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KIRSTEN ROSSOTTI NAMED AMC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CEDARVILLE, Ohio - Cedarville University forward Kirsten Rossotti (West Caldwell, NJ; James Caldwell H.S.) has been voted the American Midwest Conference Player of the Year by the league's women's basketball coaches. The six-foot senior, who will return for her fourth year of athletic eligibility next season, returned to the hardwood after taking a year off from basketball to average 19.4 points and 10.4 rebounds per game.

Rossotti has guided the Lady Jackets to a school-record 23 victories and they advanced to the AMC Tournament semifinals before losing to top seed Shawnee State in overtime. CU, 23-9 overall, begins play in the NCCAA Midwest Regional this week.

In just three seasons, Rossotti is Cedarville's third all-time leading scorer with 1,496 points. She rates sixth in rebounding with 807 boards.

Sophomore guard Julie Stauffer (Fort Wayne, IN; Faith Academy), freshman guard Kari Flunker (Florence, WI; Florence H.S.), and sophomore center Molly Earley (Springfield, OH; Northwestern H.S.) were All-AMC honorable mention selections. Flunker was named to the five-member All-AMC Freshmen Team.

On the men's side, sophomore Josh Gast (Prospect, OH; Elgin H.S.) was selected to the All-AMC Second Team. The 6-3 guard averages a team-high 15.5 points for the 18-15 Yellow Jackets, who will host the NCCAA Midwest Region championship game on Saturday.

Sophomore forward Barry Chamberlin (Brookville, PA; First Baptist Academy) and freshman guard Jason Weakley (Lewis Center, OH; Worthington Christian H.S.) were All-AMC honorable mention.

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