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KARI FLUNKER, BRITTANY SMART NAMED NAIA ALL-AMERICANS

CEDARVILLE, Ohio - Cedarville University guards Kari Flunker and Brittany Smart have been named to the NAIA Division II All-America First Team for the 2004-05 women's basketball season. They were two of ten players selected to the elite group after leading the Lady Jackets to a 35-2 record and a second straight national runner-up finish.

Flunker, a 5-foot-7 senior from Florence, Wis., averaged 17.9 points and 4.8 assists while being voted the American Midwest Conference Player of the Year for the second straight time. It's also the second consecutive year she landed a spot on the All-America First Team after being chosen to the Second Team as a sophomore. Flunker graduates as Cedarville's all-time leader in eight statistical categories including scoring with 2,275 points.

Smart, a 5-9 sophomore from Springfield, Ohio, paced the Lady Jackets in scoring at 21.8 points per game while grabbing 6.6 rebounds per contest. She also shot a team-high 57 percent from the field. Smart, who was presented the NAIA Hustle Award at the national tournament, scored a school-record 805 points this season and already ranks 10th on CU's all-time scoring list with 1,379 career points.

Flunker and Smart join Kirsten Rossotti (2003) and Amy Zehr (1993) as the only Lady Jacket players to ever be named NAIA First Team All-Americans.

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Mark Womack, Director