Men's Basketball Announces Award Winners

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. - UW-Eau Claire men's basketball head coach Terry Gibbons recently announced the team award winners for the 2008-09 season.

Inside player **Dan Beyer** *(Sr.-Waukesha, Wis./Catholic Memorial)* and outside player **Ryan Shea** *(So.-Duluth, Minn./East)* were named co-MVPs this season. Beyer was also selected as the team's MVP the previous two seasons. He led the Blugolds in scoring and rebounding this season with 14.1 points and 6.8 rebounds per game, which also ranked 10th and second in the conference, respectively. He ended his career ranked eighth on the Blugolds' all-time scoring list with 1,550 points. Shea was second on the team with 13.3 points per game and led the team with 45 steals, which was third in the conference, while also leading the team with 21 blocked shots. Beyer was also honored with the team's field goal accuracy, rebound and captains award while Shea earned the 3-point field goal accuracy and steals award.

The Most Valuable Newcomer award went to outside player **Josh Prince** *(Fr.-Cadott, Wis./Chippewa Falls)*. Prince played in all 26 games for the Blugolds, starting 19. Prince was second on the team with 38 steals while averaging 7.4 points and 2.6 rebounds per game. He also earned the team's defense and purple heart awards.

Outside player **Colin Boone** *(Jr.-Eau Claire, Wis./Memorial)* was given the Most Improved and Assist awards. He led the Blugolds with 99 assists this season while averaging 9.1 points and 3.1 rebounds per game, starting all 26 games. Last season Boone started only five games and averaged 5.2 points and 1.6 rebounds per game.

Inside player **Geoff Probst** *(Jr.-Moose Lake, Minn.)* was honored with a captain award as well as the free throw award. Probst was 60-for-75 (80 percent) from the free throw line this season and averaged 10.1 points and 6.0 rebounds a game.

The Fireman Award, which is given to the player who gives a spark from the bench, went to **Jordan Kappen** *(Jr.-Blair, Wis./Blair-Taylor)* while the Inspiration Award was given to **Mark Tiefel** *(Sr.-Eau Claire, Wis./Immanuel)*. Kappen played in all 26 games this year and contributed 4.5 points and averaged 10.7 minutes a game. Tiefel averaged 1.8 points per game while averaging eight minutes per contest. He was also named to the conference's All-Sportsmanship Team recently.

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