

Drake Named Third Team D3hoops.com All-West Region

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STERLING, VA - UW-Eau Claire men's basketball outside player **Casey Drake** (Sr. -*Rhineland*) was selected to the third team D3hoops.com All-West Region Team, it was announced today by D3hoops.com publisher Pat Coleman.

Drake is a two-time first team All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) selection and team Most Valuable Player. In 2004-05 Drake led the Blugolds in scoring (18.0 per game), assists (3.1 per game), steals (1.2 per game), minutes played (34.3 per game) and three-point field goal percentage (.380). Drake ranked fourth in the WIAC in scoring, seventh in assists, ninth in field goal percentage (.451), 10th in three-point field goal percentage and 11th in free throw percentage (.773), steals (1.2), three-point field goals made (1.35 per game) and assists/turnover ratio (1.27).

For his career, Drake ranks 21st on the Blugold all-time scoring list with 1,177 career points and is the first Blugold to be a two-time first team All-WIAC selection since Sherm Carstensen was a three-time selection in 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-01. Drake is the first Blugold All-Region selection since Jason Larson earned such honors in 2002-03.

Along with his on-the-court accomplishments, Drake has been a Blugold Super Six recipient which is the highest honor UW-Eau Claire can bestow on a student-athlete. Drake was also named the WIAC Men's Basketball Scholar-Athlete in addition to being named to the ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District V College Division Second Team.

Players were nominated for these awards by the Sports Information Directors at the various schools. A record 606 players were nominated nationwide.

The ballot was then made available to SIDs, who voted for 10 players in their region. SIDs voted for six frontcourt players and four backcourt players and the top vote-getters at each position were named to the All-Region team.

"We are thankful to the Sports Information Directors across Division III who took the time to nominate and vote to provide broader recognition to these worthy student-athletes," said D3hoops.com publisher Pat Coleman. "Participation continues to grow each year and that only strengthens the team."

D3hoops.com All-West Region Team