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McGowan earns first-ever All-SBC nod for Georgia Southern women’s basketball

NEW ORLEANS, La. – Georgia Southern women’s basketball player Angel McGowan has been named to the Sun Belt All-Conference Second Team as announced by the league office Tuesday afternoon. The all-conference selections and individual award winners were chosen in a vote by the league's 11 coaches as well as media members covering the 11 teams.

McGowan, a junior guard from Greenville, S.C., is the first All-Sun Belt selection for the GS women's basketball program and picks up the honor just days after scoring her
1,000th-career point in Georgia Southern’s season-finale at Louisiana-Lafayette.

McGowan wrapped up her junior campaign averaging a team-best 14.7 points per game, a mark that has her seventh in the SBC. Her 412 points scored were also the seventh-most by a player in the league this season and are the most points she has scored in a single season in her three years playing for the Eagles. She also led the team with 56 three-pointers, 72 made free throws and 60 steals. Her 60 steals ranks fourth in the Sun Belt while her average of 2.1 steals per game has her fifth. McGowan finished the season tied for sixth in the conference in three-point field goals made per game (2.0) but she was tied for fifth in total three-pointers converted.

With one season left to play in Statesboro, McGowan has already stamped her name in the GS record books and is closing in on several other career marks. McGowan's 181 three-point field goal attempts this season ties the second-most attempts by an Eagle in a single season while her 56 made three-pointers matches the fourth-best mark set by an Eagle in a season. Her 60 steals during the 2015-16 campaign were the fifth-most recorded by a Georgia Southern junior.

She is also currently sixth all-time in Georgia Southern women's basketball history with 388 three-pointers attempted, 11th in program history with 107 treys converted and her 150 career steals is good enough for 14th all-time in program history.

Arkansas State placed three players - all seniors - on the three all-conference teams highlighted by Aundrea Gamble being named the 2016 Sun Belt Conference Student-Athlete of the Year. The Red Wolves' head coach, Brian Boyer, was named the league's Coach of the Year, South Alabama's Chyna Ellis was the Defensive Student-Athlete of the Year and Georgia State's Madison Newby was named the league's Freshman of the Year. Little Rock, Louisiana-Lafayette, Troy, South Alabama and UT Arlington all placed two student-athletes on the team while UL Monroe added 1.

2016 Sun Belt All-Conference Teams
First Team All-Sun Belt Conference
Khadija Brown-Haywood (Arkansas State, Senior, Forward, Early Childhood Education)
Aundrea Gamble (Arkansas State, Senior, Guard, Master of Arts in Teaching)
Shanity James (Little Rock, Senior, Forward, Sociology)
Keke Veal (UL Lafayette, Senior Guard, Sport Management)
Ashley Beverly Kelley (Troy, Senior, Guard, Exercise Science)

Second Team All-Sun Belt Conference
Alexis Dawn (Little Rock, Senior, Guard, Sociology)
Angel McGowan (Georgia Southern, Junior, Guard, Exercise Science)
Kia Wilridge (UL Lafayette, Senior Guard, Exercise Science)
Alayshia Hunter (UL Monroe, Senior, Forward, Kinesiology)
Rebekah VanDijk (UT Arlington, Sophomore, Center, Pre-Law)

Third Team All-Sun Belt Conference
Brittney Gill (Arkansas State, Senior, Guard, Interdisciplinary Studies)
Chyna Ellis (South Alabama, Sophomore, Center, Allied Health)
Marquita Daniels (South Alabama, Sophomore, Guard, Criminal Justice)
Cierra Johnson (UT Arlington, Sophomore, Guard, Child Psychology/Pre-Med)
Caitlyn Ramirez (Troy, Junior, Forward, Psychology)

2016 Sun Belt Conference Student-Athlete of the Year
Aundrea Gamble, Arkansas State

2016 Sun Belt Conference Defensive Student-Athlete of the Year
Chyna Ellis, South Alabama

2016 Sun Belt Conference Freshman of the Year
Madison Newby, Georgia State

2016 Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year
Brian Boyer, Arkansas State

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