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Men's Basketball Team Upsets SAIT Trojans

Calgary, AB (September 27, 2007) – The St. Mary's University College men's basketball team made history this week by defeating the SAIT Trojans men's basketball team 93-87 in an exhibition game on September 25. The win marks the first time a team in the Alberta Colleges Athletic League (ACAL) - to which St. Mary's Lightning Athletics teams belong – has upset a team in the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC), which is a higher division.

The St. Mary's men's basketball team showed a lot of heart and tenacity playing against SAIT. Point guard Jerome Makasiar, who used to play for SAIT, set the tone early with tremendous defence and running the offence. Jon Walker played a strong game as well by tallying 15 points. After two years away from St. Mary's, veteran Dan Rogers returned to the white and blue and made his presence felt from the first minute he stepped on the court. He currently leads the team in scoring with 17 points. David Wayne and Paul Ellis scored 10 points each respectfully, with six of Paul's points coming off clutch 3 pointers in the fourth quarter. Jesse Stanford rounded off the scoring with 14 points and 14 rebounds.

"It was a great team effort," said Josh Nugent, head coach. "Everybody played and contributed in a positive way. It is a terrific win for the [athletics] program and for the University College."

About Lightning Athletics

Lightning Athletics strives to contribute to the overall synergy of the St. Mary's University College community by bringing students, faculty and staff together in activities that encourage the pursuit of excellence, promote healthy lifestyles, and foster growth in leadership and teamwork through competitive and recreational physical activity. The Lightning Athletics program offers men's and women's basketball, men's and women's volleyball, men's and women's futsal (indoor soccer), hockey and cross country running.

About St. Mary's University College

St. Mary's University College is a Catholic post-secondary, student-focused liberal arts and sciences teaching and research institution that is open to all. St. Mary's offers Bachelor of Arts degrees and courses in 27 academic disciplines. Located at 14500 Bannister Road SE, St. Mary's is adjacent to Fish Creek Provincial Park and directly across from the Fish Creek/Lacombe LRT Station. For more information, please visit www.stmu.ab.ca.

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