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Women's Basketball Signs Dahnke And Bailey

Jasmine Bailey and Heidi Dahnke will join the Flames next season

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Chicago, Ill. - University of Illinois at Chicago head women's basketball coach [Lisa Ryckbosch](#) has announced the signing of Jasmine Bailey and Heidi Dahnke to National Letters of Intent for 2008-09.

Bailey, a St. Louis, Mo. native, averages a team-best 14.2 points per game. The 5-9 guard/forward also leads Normandy High School with 10.1 rebounds, 2.4 blocks and 6.7 steals per game this year. Bailey helped guide the Vikings to the Missouri 5A State semifinals last season.

"Jasmine is a gifted athlete with a natural nose for the basketball," said Ryckbosch. "She is a fierce defender and is as good of a rebounding guard that I have been fortunate to be around. She uses her quickness to slash to the basket and finish very effectively."

Bailey has collected several awards for NHS, including Suburban East Player of the Year, MVP, Co-MVP, best defensive player and received Suburban East First Team All-Conference honors.

"Jasmine is a winner, a player who will do whatever it takes at both ends of the floor to put her team in a position to win."

Dahnke paces Martinsville High School in Illinois with 19.2 points, 10.4 rebounds, 3.2 blocks and 5.8 assists per game. The Lady Blue Streaks are undefeated in 2007 with a 10-0 record.

"Heidi is a versatile, skilled athlete who can play with her back to the basket or on the perimeter," said Ryckbosch. "

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Head women's basketball coach Lisa Ryckbosch

The 6-1 forward was named the 2006-07 Charleston Times-Courier Player of the Year. Dahnke is a three-time Little Illini First Team All-Conference selection and three-time Charleston Times-Courier All-Area recipient.

"Heidi uses her athleticism very effectively as she plays extremely hard and is very active on both ends of the floor. She can handle the ball, shoot the three and has very good post moves."

Dahnke helped guide last year's squad to a Little Illini Conference championship and has been named player of the week numerous times by various publications.



"Heidi will add some much needed size to our perimeter game and depth to our inside game."

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