



Megan Gardiner

Megan Gardiner stepped onto the Mount St. Mary's campus with the Mount's women's basketball team coming off of three consecutive Northeast Conference regular season and tournament titles and two appearances in the NCAA Tournament.

This Wilmington, Delaware native, wasted little time establishing herself as a scoring threat, posting 21 points in her first collegiate contest against Furman. She would go on to score 20 points nine times including a career-high 36 points against Robert Morris.

Gardiner paced the team in scoring her first year in Emmitsburg to help the Mount to its seventh-straight NEC regular season title. The Mount would go on to compete in its fifth-consecutive NEC Championship Game, falling to Saint Francis (Pa.) 83-75. Gardiner was named to the NEC Newcomer of the Year and earned spots on the All-NEC first team, All-Newcomer team and All-Tournament team.

Coming off one of the best freshman campaigns for a player donning the Mount uniform, Gardiner appeared in only six games in her sophomore year after suffering an ACL injury.

She would return to the court in 1997-98 with a fury. She helped legendary head coach Bill Sheahan end his storied Mount career with a 15-13 mark overall and 10-6 in Northeast Conference play. She ranked second on the team in scoring that season and recorded eight 20-point performances, including 31 points against Radford in her second game back. Again, the league recognized her accomplishments on the court with an All-NEC first-team selection and a spot on the All-Tournament team.

Gardiner then flourished under new head coach Vanessa Blair's system with her best season of her career. She paced the Mount with 20.7 points and 8.2 rebounds per game to help the Mountaineers win their eighth NEC regular season title. She was named the NEC Player of the Year and received places on the All-NEC first team and All-Tournament team. She recorded 20 points in 15 of her 28 games, including six of her last seven games in 1998-99. Her 579 points in her third full season in Emmitsburg ranks as the fifth most in program history and the second most in Mount Division I history.

Gardiner was slowed by a second ACL injury in her final season at Mount St. Mary's, scoring 185 points in 1999-00. After converting nine 3-pointers in her first three seasons, she drained 22 from behind the arc and posted three 20-point performances in her final seven games to end her career.

Gardiner finished her career with 1,775 career points and 693 rebounds. She is one of five players in program history to register 1,500 points and 600 rebounds and still ranks third all-time for career points. The Mount went 72-50 overall and 66-24 in Northeast Conference play in her five seasons, including three 20-win seasons and two NEC regular season titles.

In 2005, Gardiner was named one of the top-10 players to wear a Mount Women's Basketball uniform in the 30 year history of the program.