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NABI Alumni Drafted by WNBA Angel Goodrich to play for the Tulsa Shock

"Her talent was evident the moment we saw her play. Mark West (NABI Co-founder) and I just looked at each other and knew she had what it took to make it not only in college, but to the WNBA. To say she is a NABI Alumni is an honor and I will be the first one at the ticket window to see her play in her first game" says GinaMarie Scarpa, NABI Co-founder and CEO of the NABI Foundation.

Angel Goodrich, along with her team that included her very talented younger sister Nikki and coached by their Mom, took the 2008 NABI Championship. It was a good year for NABI. Kansas scouts were in town to see her play and she opted to accept an invite to play for Kansas instead of the offers coming out of Oklahoma- her home state.



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Nikki Lewis, mother and coach Fayth Goodrich Lewis and MVP Angel Goodrich celebrate Team Anonymous' NABI Championship.



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Angel Goodrich scored 26 points including game winning layup for the 2008 NABI championship game.

Ranked among the top college players, she had to persevere through injuries but, came out strong this season and was nominated for numerous awards. And, standing only at 5-foot-5 she never allowed height to stop her. "She is an inspiration to all Native American athletes dreaming for a shot in collegiate and pro-sports." says Mark West, NABI Co-Founder and VP Player Programs Phoenix Suns.

NABI, co-founded by Mark West, the late Scott Podleski and GinaMarie Scarpa, started out as a small local tournament in 2003 and since has become a youth non-profit organizing one of the largest all Native American tournaments; bringing exposure to thousands High School athletes from all over North America.

An expected 128 teams are descending on Phoenix July 17th to play in the 11th NABI tournament and for the first time, a team from New Zealand will be competing for a chance to be discovered and of course a shot at the prestigious NABI Championship Trophy.

For more information about the NABI Invitational and the NABI Foundation, log on to the NABI official website www.nabifoundation.org or contact info@nabifoundation.org

ESPN Story on Angel winning NABI Championship:
http://espn.go.com/high-school/girls-basketball/story/_/id/3506756/nabi-crowns-champions

Interview with Angel:
www.fullcourt.com/ncaa/22603/overcoming-pair-aci%E2%80%99s-angel-goodrich-refused-give

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