



Name: Isaiah Canaan
Sport: Basketball

Biography:

Murray State men's basketball student-athlete Isaiah Canaan is having a tremendous senior season.

Being honored as a candidate for America's top amateur athlete as the AAU James E. Sullivan Memorial Award is another great honor he has earned for his play for the Racers.

Canaan, from Biloxi, Miss., is a multiple All-America pick and a leader in the MSU basketball program on and off the floor since his arrival to Murray, Ky., in 2009.

Last year as a junior and this preseason as a senior, Canaan has been named to several All-America awards including being named to 12 different preseason awards such as the John Wooden Award, James Naismith Award and the Bob Cousy Award. Canaan is the reigning Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year and the OVC Preseason Player of the Year. Canaan was also named the OVC's Male Athlete of the Year in 2012.

This season Canaan's scoring average has consistently been in the area of 21 points per game and he has been ranked in the top-10 among the best scorers in NCAA D-I. He has also ranked high in three-point baskets made.

Canaan's collegiate career highlights include setting the Murray State made three-point baskets record and closing on becoming the sixth 2,000-point scorer in MSU history and 17th in Ohio Valley Conference history. He also ranks among the best at MSU in career scoring, three-point percentage, assists and steals.

Last summer, Canaan was invited to participate in the camps run by NBA stars LeBron James and Chris Paul.

Canaan has always had a flare for the dramatic and has recorded several moments that made fans gasp. As a junior in 2012, he hit his first seven three-point shots in a 27-point first half at rival Austin Peay. And as a freshman in 2010, he hit a shot from his knees from the mid-court line in a game against Southeast Missouri State. The video of this amazing shot has been view more than 2.2 million times on YouTube.com.

