Rice wins Metro Spotlight Award

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Chloe Rice of Marion is the winner of the Metro Spotlight Award this week for high school girls, the Metro Sports Report announced Sunday.

Rice, a 5-foot-10 sophomore, is a key member of the Marion basketball team that is ranked No. 7 in Class 4A with an 11-4 record.

Rice, a lanky point guard, is averaging 15.1 points, 3.6 rebounds, 2.8 assists and 2.7 steals for the Indians. She ranks third in the Wamac Conference West Division in scoring, third in steals and fifth in assists.

Rice poured in 29 points Friday night in a victory over Williamsburg. She's also had 23 points against Center Point-Urbana, 22 in a previous game against Williamsburg and 21 against South Tama.

Rice collected 16 points, seven assists and seven steals against the Washington Demons. She also had seven rebounds against Benton Community and Center Point-Urbana. In addition, she had a string of 10 straight games where she scored in double figures.

Rice averaged 12 points, 3.5 rebounds, 3.3 assists and 2.0 steals last season as a freshman when Marion finished with a 17-6 record.