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The stories behind the glory: Tamika Catchings' trophy case.

In a city centered around sports, Tamika Catchings of the Indiana Fever may be Indy's most underappreciated resource. She's a three-time All-WNBA first-teamer, two-time defensive player of the year, a perennial All-Star, and, as of 2006, a member of the WNBA All-Decade Team. But at those rare times when she's not dominating the hardwood at Conseco Fieldhouse, Catchings can be found relaxing in her westside abode, which features a trophy case that rivals just about anything you'd find at Jermaine's or Peyton's pad. —Tony Rehagen



When Catchings won this 2001 ESPY for Female College Player of the Year as a junior at Tennessee, she couldn't walk to the stage to accept—she was on crutches from a torn right ACL. The TV producers cut to commercial, let her limp up onstage, and returned to the air with Catchings already at the podium.

Catchings has always worn number 24—her dad wore 42 in the NBA, so she flipped the numbers. University of Tennessee retired the number when Catchings left.

Oops! The award from Indiana Black Expo for outstanding achievement in sports congratulates Tamika Catchings of the "Indian Fever."

A fan made Catchings a specialized fire helmet and exchanged it for a signed Fever jersey at a game in 2005.

An Olympic gold medal—the prize of her collection. But more precious than the medal itself, she says, was the chance to stand on the podium and hear the national anthem.

Not her favorite bobble-head: "I always wear cornrows and braids," she says. "This just makes me look fat."

Ball and locker tag from her first WNBA All-Star Game in Washington, D.C., a game her team lost, signed by assorted All-Star teammates.

An award honoring her performance with the Women's Korea Basketball League: "I think it's for points or rebounds or something," she says. But, as it's written in Korean, "your guess is as good as mine."

"Just a bronze, not that special," says Catchings of her medal from the 2006 Women's World Championships in Brazil.