



JUNIOR MANNY MONTANO

The Dallas Baptist University Patriot Basketball Team finished its inaugural NCAA Division-II season with a strong showing in the Heartland Conference and a trip to the NCCAA (National Christian College Athletic Association) Nationals. The team finished the season with an overall record of 13-20 and 5-7 in conference play.

The Patriots finished in fourth place in the Heartland Conference and qualified for the 2007 Heartland Conference Post-Season Tournament, which was held on the campus of the University of North Texas. DBU was defeated by St. Edward's University, who was the Heartland Conference regular season and tournament champions and advanced to the NCAA Division II tournament.

The NCCAA (National Christian College Athletic Association) Central Region Championship was held on the DBU campus and consisted of five teams vying for a berth to the NCCAA National Championship in Oakland City, Indiana. The Patriots, who came into the tournament as the number one seed, defeated Oklahoma Wesleyan University and Central Baptist College, in route to winning the Regional Championship and advancing to the NCCAA National Tournament. The Patriots finished in seventh place at the NCCAA National Tournament.

Individual honors for the Patriots this season included Juniors Nick Michels (pictured right #1) and Dwight Coleman (pictured right #21) being named to the Heartland Conference second team. Michels was also named an NCCAA All-American and a member of the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District team, while Coleman received Heartland Conference Player of the Week during his play for the week of February 5-9.

"It's been a great foundational year for our program. The student-athletes that have been a part of this inaugural season have set a high standard for academic and spiritual excellence. They have poured themselves into our discipleship program and have been a joy to coach. Our coaching staff has truly enjoyed this year, and I wish we were still playing games. We are already excited about next season," said DBU Head Coach Blake Flickner.

"To make it into the Heartland Conference tournament as a first-year NCAA Division-II program was a great accomplishment. We were picked to finish last at the start of the year, but the team continually exceeded expectations. I'm so proud of their effort and the way the team stuck together and always gave a great effort. I look forward to seeing how God works in the future of this program and with these student-athletes," Flickner added.

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