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2008 DAKTRONICS NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-AMERICAN TEAMS

First Team

Name	School	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
Sean Barnette#	Wingate	G	6-4	210	Jr.	Rock Hill, SC
Steve Dagostino	St. Rose	G	5-11	160	Sr.	Schenectady, NY
Jonte Flowers#	Winona State	G	6-5		Sr.	Cottage Grove, WI
Jonny Reibel	Rollins	G	6-2	180	Sr.	Chicago, IL
John Smith@	Winona State	F	6-8		Sr.	McHenry, IL

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: John Smith, Winona State

Second Team

Jeremy Black	Tampa	F	6-8	230	Sr.	Tampa, FL
Callistus Eziukwu	Grand Valley State	F/C	6-10	220	Sr.	Muskegon, IL
Chris Gilliam	Pitt-Johnstown	F	6-7	235	Sr.	Baltimore, MD
Anthony Hilliard	Elizabeth City State	G/F	6-4	205	Jr.	Fayetteville, NC
Devin Peal	Humboldt State	F	6-4	230	Sr.	Richmond, CA

Third Team

Cory Abercrombie	Pittsburg State	F/C	6-7	243	Sr.	Piedmont, SC
Chris Commons	USC Aiken	F	6-8	215	Jr.	Toledo, OH
Jeff Fahnbulleh	Kentucky Wesleyan	C	6-7	260	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA
Scooby Johnson	Texas A&M Commerce	F	6-7	230	Sr.	Houston, TX
Michael Sturns	Holy Family	G	6-5		Sr.	Fort Worth, TX

@ 2007 first team selection

2007 third team selection

JOHN SMITH NAMED 2008 DAKTRONICS DIVISION II PLAYER OF THE YEAR

EDINBORO, PA – John Smith of Winona State University has been named the 2008 Daktronics NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Player of the Year. Voting was conducted among Division II sports information directors. Daktronics is a world leader in programmable electronic signs, electronic and digital displays and scoreboards. The 2008 Daktronics All-American Team was dominated by seniors, with just three juniors among the 15 players honored. Three players repeated from last year's team, with Smith earning a spot on the first team for the second straight year and teammate Jonte Flowers moving up from the third team. Sean Barnette of Wingate was also a third team selection a year ago.

Smith and Flowers have led Winona State to a 35-1 record and a berth in the Elite Eight for the third straight year. The Warriors, winners of 29 straight games, will face Grand Valley State in the quarterfinals. Smith has been a force inside for the Warriors. The 6'8" senior is averaging 17.7 ppg. and 8.6 rpg., both tops on the team, while shooting 52.0 percent from the floor (222 of 249) and going to the line an incredible 244 times, making 178 free throws (73.0 pct.). He also has 103 blocked shots, ranking ninth in Division II. He was named the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Most Valuable Player. Smith has scored 2,219 career points along with 1,317 career rebounds and 420 blocked shots, ranking in the top ten in Division II in the last two categories. A year ago he was named the NABC Division II Player of the Year.

Flowers is a 6-5 guard who is averaging 17.2 ppg. and 5.4 rpg. The senior has handed out 105 assists and has 110 steals, ranking second in the country in steals per game. He is shooting 51.3 percent from the floor (219 of 427). Like Smith, he is a 1,000-point scorer with 1,803 points, along with 431 career assists and 403 career steals. He was named the Most Outstanding Player at the North Central Regional.

Barnette is a 6'4" guard who was named the South Atlantic Conference Player of the Year for the second straight year. He became just the second player in league history to win the honor twice after leading the conference in both scoring and rebounding. The senior averaged 21.2 ppg., seventh in Division II, and 9.8 rpg. for a Wingate team that finished with a 24-7 record. He finished his career with 2,324 points and 919 rebounds.

Guards Steve Dagostino of St. Rose and Rollins' Jonny Reibel complete the first team. Dagostino is the smallest of the Daktronics All-Americans at 5'11". The senior paced the Golden Knights to a 23-8 record and was named the Northeast-10 Player of the Year for the second straight season. He averaged 18.3 ppg., adding 183 assists and 78 steals, ranking 14th in the country in steals and 19th in assists. Dagostino made 64 of 181 three-pointers and shot 88.8 percent from the free throw line (191 of 215), eighth in the country. He concluded his career with 1,629 points.

Reibel, a 6'2" senior, helped Rollins finish with a 19-9 record and was previously the Sunshine State Conference Player of the Year in 2006 and 2007. He averaged 20.0 ppg., 20th in Division II, and 4.8 rpg., along with dishing out 202 assists, good for fifth in the country, while turning the ball over just 82 times. Reibel made 63 of 161 three-pointers and was an 80.0 percent free throw shooter, making 161 of 200. He concluded his career with 1,679 points and 688 assists.

The second team is highlighted by Grand Valley State forward/center Callistus Eziukwu, who will meet Winona State's Smith and Flowers in the Elite Eight quarterfinals. The 6'10" senior is averaging 15.6 ppg. and 8.8 rpg., both team highs, for a Lakers team which is a perfect 36-0 and making its second straight appearance in the Elite Eight. The Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Year, he is shooting 62.5 percent from the floor (230 of 368), good for 15th in the country. Eziukwu has scored 1,620 career points and has 326 blocks, including 86 this season.

The other four members of the second team were also named the Players of the Year in their respective conferences. Jeremy Black, a 6'8" senior, led Tampa to its first NCAA playoff appearance since 2002, leading the Spartans to a 21-9 ledger. Black averaged 18.7 ppg. and 11.0 rpg. while being named the Sunshine State Conference Player of the Year. He ranks fifth in Division II in rebounding.

Pitt-Johnstown's Chris Gilliam capped a brilliant career as he was named the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Year. The Mountain Cats finished with a 23-8 record as the 6'7" forward averaged 19.6 ppg. and 8.6 rpg. He shot 64.1 percent from the floor (232 of 362), good for 12th in Division II, and made 144 of 192 free throws (75.0 percent). Gilliam ended his career with 1,762 points and 699 rebounds.

Devin Peal of Humboldt State is a 6'4" guard who averaged 18.9 ppg. and 6.4 rpg. while being named the California Collegiate Athletic Association Player of the Year. The senior shot 61.1 percent from the floor (209 of 342), 22nd in Division II. Peal led Humboldt State to a 20-9 record.

Anthony Hilliard of Elizabeth City State rounds out the second unit. The 6'4" swingman is the lone junior on the second team. He was named the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Player of the Year after averaging 19.7 ppg. and 11.4 rpg., leading the conference in both scoring and rebounding for the second straight year. He stands fourth nationally in rebounding. Hilliard paced the Vikings to their first twenty-win season since 1999 with a 20-7 ledger.

The third team was also comprised of four seniors and a junior. Cory Abercrombie of Pittsburg State is a 6'7" senior who led the Gorillas to an 18-10 finish. He was one of four players on the Daktronics All-American team to average a double-double, coming in at 17.9 ppg. and 10.2 rpg. Abercrombie shot 58.6 percent from the floor (197 of 336).

A former junior college transfer, Jeff Fahnbulleh of Kentucky Wesleyan is a 6'7" center who was another of the double-double players. The center was named the Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Year after helping the Panthers finish with a 24-8 record. He averaged 19.1 ppg. and 12.1 rpg., second in Division II, while shooting 57.8 percent from the floor (211 of 365).

Michael Sturns of Holy Family leads Division II in scoring at 26.6 ppg., setting a school record with 824 points. A 6'5" guard, the senior led the Tigers to a 21-10 finish and was named the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference Player of the Year. He added 6.7 rpg. with 64 assists and 70 steals while making 56 of 161 three-pointers. The final senior is Scooby Johnson of Texas A&M-Commerce, a transfer from Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. A 6'7" forward, he was named the Lone Star Conference North Division Newcomer of

the Year after averaging 20.7 ppg., tenth in Division II, and 7.7 rpg. while shooting 59.3 percent from the floor (133 of 183). The Lions finished with a 14-15 record.

Rounding out the third team is junior Chris Commons of USC Aiken, another player in his first season with the program. Commons is a 6'8" forward who previously played at Findlay. He was named the Peach Belt Conference Player of the Year after averaging 21.8 ppg., second in Division II, and 6.4 rpg. His 675 points were the second-highest point total ever at USC Aiken.

A total of eight members of the 2008 Daktronics All-American team will compete in the NABC/NCAA Division II All-Star Game in Springfield, MASS on Friday, March 28. They include Abercrombie, Barnette, Black, Dagostino, Fahnbulleh, Gilliam, Peal, Reibel and Sturns.