



PATRIOT BASKETBALL

2009-2010 SEASON REVIEW

On the heels of their first ever trip to the NCAA Division II Tournament a season ago, the Dallas Baptist University Patriot Basketball Team finished the 2009-2010 season with an 18-12 overall record.

After being selected as the front runner in the Heartland Conference preseason poll, the Patriots finished 10-6 in regular season play, good enough for a fourth place conference finish. DBU defeated Texas A&M International in the conference tournament quarter-final but fell to regular season champion, Incarnate Word University, in the semi-final game. The loss eliminated the Patriots' hopes of an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament; however, they did earn the number one seed in the National Christian College Athletic Association Regional Tournament.

The Patriots drew the eighth seed and tournament host, Southwestern Assemblies of God University, in the opening round of the tournament on March 11. In front of a sold-out crowd at the Shaefter Full Life Center, the Patriots struggled to find their rhythm and eventually fell to the Lions, 92-87, to bring their season to an end.

"It has been another great year for our program. For the second consecutive year we were in the mix

with a competitive group at the top of our conference," said Head Coach Blake Flickner.

The Patriots finished their year at the top of many Heartland Conference statistical categories, including scoring offense (82.2 points per game), free throw percentage (77.1), three-point field goal percentage (38.5), and assists (15.1 per game).

Three Patriots earned individual honors for their play in conference action. Sophomore Jordan McGowen, the 2008-2009 Co-Freshman of the Year, wrapped up a stellar second season and was named to the All-Heartland Conference First Team after averaging 14.3 points and 7.5 rebounds per game.

Senior Bryan Baumann wrapped up Second Team All-Conference honors after posting 13.8 points and 5.2 rebounds per game. And for the second straight season, Junior Braxton Adamson led the Patriots in scoring with 14.9 points per game, good enough for Honorable Mention honors.

"I am so proud of how our student-athletes have represented DBU and the Lord. We are saying goodbye to an outstanding group this year, including the freshmen from our very first season. They will be missed, but they have laid a foundation for success that we will continue to build on by God's grace for many years to come," Flickner added.