

BASKETBALL



SEASON IN REVIEW

2011-2012 HIGHLIGHTS

- NCCAA Regional Tournament Champions.
- Fifth straight winning season, finishing 18-16.
- Top scoring offense in Heartland Conference.
- Senior Jordan McGowen and Junior Nick Fox named to All-Heartland Conference First Team.

For the second straight season, the Dallas Baptist Men's Basketball Team won the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Regional Tournament and advanced to the NCCAA National Tournament.

While unable to repeat the 2010-2011 NCCAA National Championship, the Patriots were dominant in the Regional Tournament in Lakewood, Colorado, where they defeated Crowley's Ridge (109-56), Oklahoma Wesleyan (90-74), and Southwest Assemblies of God (87-80).

Their eventual defeat at the NCCAA National Tournament in Indiana marked the end to another successful campaign for Head Coach Blake Flickner and the Patriots.

For the fifth straight season, DBU finished the season with a winning record after tallying an 18-16 mark. Of those 16 losses, seven were by three points or less, and three were by a single point.

"I am really proud of this team," said Flickner. "It has been fun to watch these guys grow spiritually and as a basketball team. We had some great wins this year, and they put in a lot of hard work to be their best and to compete with the best."

Competing in the Heartland Conference, the Patriots finished the season as the Number 1 scoring offense in the league. They were also in the Top 3 in six other statistical

categories and compiled wins over quality programs such as Abilene Christian, St. Edward's, Texas A&M Commerce, and others.

"This was a special team," added Flickner. "We had a great mix of upperclassmen and young players, and we are going to miss the leaders of this team next season."

The Patriots will say goodbye to four seniors who have been a cornerstone of this program: Jordan McGowen, Armie Lewis, Ishmael Awange, and TJ Clark.

"The outgoing seniors were a special group," according to Flickner. "They have been leaders and have helped grow DBU Basketball to a place where great things are expected. Because of what they have accomplished, the standard is set very high for the future, and we expect to compete at a championship level."

"We are going to miss Jordan, Armie, Ish and TJ," he continued, "but look forward to continuing to build on the foundation they have provided."

Junior Nick Fox and McGowen were named to the 2012 All-Heartland Conference First Team.

Likewise, at the 2012 Patriot Athletic Banquet, several players were presented with honors. McGowen received the Patriot Award, given for dedication to team, academics, and spiritual life; and Lewis earned the President's Academic Excellence Award for maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.5.

