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NJIT's Isaiah Wilkerson Leads Great West All-Conference Men's Basketball Team

New Jersey Institute of Technology's Isaiah Wilkerson headlines the 2011-12 All-Great West Conference Men's Basketball Team announced Wednesday by the league office.

Wilkerson, a senior from Staten Island, N.Y., was selected the Great West Player of the Year in a vote of conference coaches and sports information directors. Wilkerson led the balloting after topping the GWC in scoring with 16 points per game and standing fifth in rebounding with 6.6 rebounds per game, including 2.8 offensive boards which is good for second-best in the GWC. The guard/forward is also tied for first in steals with 1.6 per game.

Joining Wilkerson on the All-GWC First Team are Jared Maree and Brandon Provost from Texas-Pan American, and league champion Utah Valley's Geddes Robinson and Isiah Williams, the 2010-11 GWC Player and Newcomer of the Year. Williams and Wilkerson are both repeat first-team selections.

Maree, who was an honorable mention honoree in 2009-10 and Provost, a second-team selection last year, are the Broncs' first All-GWC first-team selections. Maree, who was also selected as the Great West Defensive Player of the Year, is fifth in scoring at 13.0 ppg, while Provost averages 13.2 ppg in fourth place.

Robinson lands on the first team this year after being an honorable mention selection a year ago. He leads the league in rebounding at 10.2 caroms per game, while Williams is second in scoring at 15.8 ppg and leads in 3-pointers made with 2.4 per outing.

2011-12 All-Great West Conference Men's Basketball Team

First Team

Jared Maree, Texas-Pan American
Brandon Provost, Texas-Pan American
Geddes Robinson, Utah Valley
Isaiah Wilkerson, NJIT *
Isiah Williams, Utah Valley *
*--repeat first-team selection

Second Team

Ben Aird, Utah Valley **
Chris Flores, NJIT **
Troy Huff, North Dakota **
Holton Hunsaker, Utah Valley
Patrick Mitchell, North Dakota
**--repeat second-team selection

Honorable Mention: Aaron Anderson, North Dakota; Terry Bembry, Houston Baptist; Brandon Brekke, North Dakota; Joe Latas, Houston Baptist; Jeremy Robinson, Chicago State; Tyler Russell, Houston Baptist; Ardarius Simmons, Chicago State; Keith Thompson, Utah Valley; Aaron Urbanus, Texas-Pan American; Jamal Webb, North Dakota

All-Newcomer Team: Jesus Delgado, Texas-Pan American; Alfonzo Hubbard, Utah Valley; Joe Latas, Houston Baptist; Jeremy Robinson, Chicago State; Tyler Russell, Houston Baptist.

Player of the Year: Isaiah Wilkerson, NJIT

Newcomer of the Year: Jeremy Robinson, Chicago State

Defensive Player of the Year: Jared Maree, Texas-Pan American

Sixth Man Award: Alfonzo Hubbard, Utah Valley

Coach of the Year: Dick Hunsaker, Utah Valley

Second-team honorees include Utah Valley's Ben Aird (10.4 ppg, 7.5 rpg); NJIT's Chris Flores (12.5 ppg, 3.1 assists per game); North Dakota's Troy Huff (12.9 ppg, 5.9 rpg); UVU's Holton Hunsaker (10.4 ppg, 3.4 app, 1.6 steals per game); and UND's Patrick Mitchell (10.5 ppg, 4.8 rpg). Aird, Flores and Huff are all repeat second-team honorees, and Mitchell is the reigning GWC Tournament MVP.

Jeremy Robinson of Chicago State was chosen Newcomer of the Year. The junior college transfer was third in the GWC in scoring at 13.6 ppg and tied for third in rebounding at 7.5 rpg.

Joining Jeremy Robinson on the All-Newcomer team were UTPA's Jesus Delgado, UVU's Alfonzo Hubbard and Houston Baptist's Joe Latas and Tyler Russell.

Hubbard was also chosen to receive the Sixth Man Award after coming off the bench to average 7.2 points and 4.3 rebounds per game.

Utah Valley's Dick Hunsaker was named Coach of the Year for the second straight year after leading the Wolverines to back-to-back GWC championships. UVU posted a 9-1 conference record and a 20-11 overall mark, including a school-record 13-straight wins before losing its last regular-season contest to league runner-up North Dakota. The Sioux, the defending GWC Tournament champion, edged the Wolverines, 57-56, putting an end to the nation's third-longest active winning streak. Hunsaker is 354-181 in his 17th year as a head coach and holds a 187-108 mark in his 10th season at UVU.

Chicago State hosts the 2012 GWC Basketball Tournament at Chicago, Ill., beginning at 2:30 pm (CT) Thursday and continuing Friday with semifinal action starting at 12 noon. The GWC men's tournament championship game will tip off at 4 pm (CT) Saturday with the winner receiving a bid to the CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament.