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Taylor Witt Named Second Team All-District

Kansas City, Mo. – St. Cloud State sophomore men's basketball player Taylor Witt was recently named second team All-District by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC).

The Morris, Minn. native represents the Huskies as one of 11 members named to the first or second team, and is one of eight total players from the NSIC that litter the All-Central District roster. The accolades have started to mount up this post season for the super sophomore as he has already been named first team All-NSIC, as well as NSIC Tournament MVP after leading the Huskies to the tournament title.

Witt closed the season at the Huskies' leader in scoring and assists, averaging 15.9 points and 5.2 assists per game. He also nailed a team high 52 three-pointers, and was third among regulars, connecting for over 36% from downtown. Witt was the only player to start in every game for the Huskies throughout the season and led SCSU with 966 minutes played for an average of 31.2 per game.

In the NSIC ranks, his scoring average of 15.9 was good enough for seventh place, and was the best among sophomores. In conference games only, he finished tied for the league assist title with 115, and in all games, finished second with an average of 5.19 per game.

Witt scored 27 points in the season opener and would go on to score 20 or more points in 10 games during the season, including two games where he hit his career high of 30. In only six of the Huskies 31 games was he held to under 10 points, and 16 times he finished as the Huskies leading scorer. Four times he dished out a career high nine assists in a game and in 10 games he tallied seven or more.

On Feb. 2, he was named NSIC Player-of-the-Week for the first time in his career after he led the Huskies to a pair of big road wins while averaging 21.0 points and 7.5 assists in the two games. However the his defining moment of the season, came in the semifinals and finals of the NSIC Sanford/Health Men's Basketball Tournament as he led his team, first past the tournament host, and then past the preseason favorite, on their way to the title.

Witt scored 59 points in the final two games while spending all but one minute on the floor, including all 40 minutes of the championship game. He went 19-of-23 from the free throw line for the weekend which included an 11-for-13 mark in the title game.

Along with their NSIC Tournament Championship, Witt led the Huskies to a 22-9 record and their most wins since the 2002-03 season. SCSU finished 14-6 and in third place in the NSIC regular season, before sweeping through the conference playoffs and into the NCAA tournament.

St. Cloud State University is the largest member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system. Founded in 1869, and located 70 miles northwest of the Twin Cities in St. Cloud, Minn. along the banks of the scenic Mississippi River, SCSU boasts an enrollment of nearly 17,000 students and is a member of NCAA Division II athletics where they compete in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC).



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**National Association of Basketball Coaches Announces
2009 Division II All-District Teams and Coaches**

KANSAS CITY, MO. (March 12, 2009) -- The National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) announced today the NABC Division II All-District teams and coaches, recognizing the best men's collegiate basketball student-athletes and coaches in the division. Selected and voted on by member coaches of the NABC, these student-athletes represent the finest basketball players across America. The 88 student-athletes, from eight districts, are now eligible for the State Farm Coaches' Division II All-America teams, selected by the NABC.

2009 NABC DIVISION II ALL-DISTRICT TEAMS

Atlantic

First Team

Ted Scott, West Virginia State
Joe Jones, Edinboro
Stan Hall, Alderson Broaddus
Thad McFadden, Fairmont State
Dave Ben, Kutztown
Denell Stephens, Slippery Rock

Second Team

Anthony Hiliard, Elizabeth City
Ryan Scott, Johnson C. Smith
Kyle Goldcamp, Gannon
Stephen Dennis, Kutztown
Marcus Tullis, Pitt-Johnstown

Coach of the Year: John T. Reilly, Gannon

Midwest

First Team

Josh Bostic, Findlay
Brandon Dagens, Lewis
LaVontay Fenderson, UW-Parkside
Aaron Hill, Rockhurst
Tim VanOudheusden, Lake Superior State
Chartrael Hall, Bellarmine

Second Team

Kale Richardson, Ashland
Justin Keenan, Ferris State
Tony Gugino, Hillsdale
Pete Trammell, Grand Valley State
Dustin Maquire, Northern Kentucky

Coach of the Year: Ron Niekamp, Findlay

Central

First Team

Kevin Ratzsch, Northern State
Ross Demasi, Southwest Minnesota State
Travis Nelson, Minnesota State-Mankato
John Vaudreuil, Minnesota-Duluth
Jesse Wagstaff, Metro State
David Johnson, Winona State

Second Team

Ben Fischer, Winona State
Drake Beranek, Nebraska - Kearny
Kirk Archibeque, Fort Lewis College
Brian Sykora, Minnesota Duluth
Taylor Witt, St. Cloud State

Coach of the Year: Greg Stemen, Southwest Minnesota State

East

First Team

Darren Duncan, Merrimack
Jason Westrol, Bentley
Lawerence Ekperigan, Lemoyne
Lew Finnegan, Bentley
Jon Schmidt, C.W. Post
Teariez Stennis, Bridgeport

Second Team

Omari Knox, Bloomfield
A.J. Rudowitz, Stonehill
Nick Carter, C.W. Post
Cassius Chaney, New Haven
Malcolm Ingram, Philadelphia

Coach of the Year: Greg Herenda, Massachusetts - Lowell

South

First Team

Nick Kohs, Christian Brothers
Tyrone Curnell, Valdosta State
Thomas Fraise, North Alabama
Nick Wolf, Rollins
Chris Hill, Lynn
Kenny Johnson, North Alabama

Second Team

Rob Eldridge, Florida Southern
Rashad Callaway, Tampa
Rion Rayfield, Florida Southern
Thiago Cordeiro, Arkansas Tech
Tim Coenraad, Nova Southeastern

Coach of the Year: Mike Nienaber, Christian Brothers

Southeast

First Team

Garrett Siler, Augusta State
Christ Commons, USC-Aiken
Kendrick Easley, Mount Olive College
Ben Madgen, Augusta State
Kyle Moore, Tusculum College
Shaun Keaton, Georgia College & State

Second Team

Brandon Wright, Erskine College
L.J. Dunn, Barton College
Elliott McDowell, Lenoir-Rhyne College
Jonathan Whitson, Brevard College
Antonio Houston, Catawba College

Coach of the Year: Darren "Dip" Metress, Augusta State

South Central

First Team

Matt Rogers, Southwest Baptist
Nolan Richardson, Midwestern State
Lance Harper, Central Oklahoma
Sanijay Watts, Central Missouri
Michael Jenkins, Nebraska-Omaha
Lionel Brown, Angelo State

Second Team

D'Ante Harris, Southwest Baptist
Hunter Henry, Northwest Missouri State
Kenneth White, Southwest Oklahoma State
Alex Moosmann, Central Missouri
Nick Morey, St. Mary's

Coach of the Year: Jeff Guiot, Southwest Baptist University

West

First Team

Larry Gordon, Cal Poly-Pomona
Lucas Alves, BYU-Hawaii
Brandon Brown, Cal State-San Bernardino
Michael Hernandez, Cal State-Dominguez Hills
Ira Graham, Western Washington
Jake Linton, St. Martins

Second Team

Jerrell Smith, Cal State-Dominguez Hills
Devin Montgomery, Cal State-San Bernardino
Zac Tiedeman, Humboldt State University
Mett Penoncello, Central Washington
Kenny Barker, Alaska Anchorage
Jay DeMaestri, Hawaii-Hilo

Coach of the Year: Greg Kemansky, Cal Poly - Pomona

About the National Association of Basketball Coaches

Located in Kansas City, MO, the NABC was founded in 1927 by Phog Allen, the legendary basketball coach at the University of Kansas. Allen, a student of James Naismith, the inventor of basketball, organized coaches into this collective group to serve as Guardians of the Game. The NABC currently claims nearly 5,000 members consisting primarily of university and college men's basketball coaches. All members of the NABC are expected to uphold the core values of being a Guardian of the Game by bringing attention to the positive aspects of the sport of basketball and the role coaches play in the academic and athletic lives of today's student-athletes. The four core values of being a Guardian of the Game are advocacy, leadership, service and education. Additional information about the NABC, its programs and membership, can be found at www.nabc.com.

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