

PATRIOT BASKETBALL

NCCAA National Champions

The Dallas Baptist Patriot basketball team capped off another stellar season in 2010-2011, being crowned the National Christian College Athletic Association National Champions. After finishing the season with an overall 20-12 record, the Patriots turned their sights to the post-season NCCAA Tournament, winning six consecutive games before being crowned as champions.

Three regional tournament wins over Southwestern Christian, Central Christian, and Mid-America Christian, punched the Patriots ticket to the national tournament held in Oakland City, Indiana. A 79-73 opening round victory against Oakland City, followed by a 107-104 triple-overtime thriller over Roberts Wesleyan advanced the Patriots to the national title game where they faced Spring Arbor University.

DBU led for the majority of the game, eventually running away with a 78-64 victory for their first ever NCCAA National Championship.

Numerous Patriots received an assortment of honors for their play both in the Heartland Conference and in the NCCAA Tournament this season.

Sophomore Nick Fox led the Patriots in scoring with 17.7 points per game and was second in rebounds with 6.1 per game, and was named to the All-Heartland Conference First Team as well as being selected as the conference's Newcomer of the Year. For his NCCAA Tournament play, Fox was voted the NCCAA Tournament Most Valuable Player and was selected as an NCCAA Second Team All-American.

After leading the Patriots in scoring his sophomore and junior campaigns and averaging 16.6 per contest this season, senior Braxton Adamson became the all-time leading scorer in DBU basketball history with 1,917 points. Adamson added to his career-long list of accolades being named All-Heartland Conference Second Team, NCCAA All-Tournament Team, and to the Honorable Mention NCCAA All-American Team.

Braxton was also awarded the NCCAA's Pete Maravich Memorial Award, which is given to one senior who has most exemplified the ideals of the NCCAA in Men's Basketball. Off the court, Adamson was recognized for his commitment in the classroom after being named to the CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) Academic All-

District First Team for maintaining a 3.76 GPA as a Finance Major.

Adamson likewise joined junior Armie Lewis on the NCCAA Scholar Athlete list.

Junior Jordan McGowen rounded out the individual award winners for DBU, being selected as an All-Heartland Conference Honorable Mention pick for the 2010-2011 season.

The junior from Kingwood, Texas, averaged 13.3 points per game and a team-best, 6.8 rebounds. McGowen picked up three double-doubles this season, scoring 17

points and pulling down 12 rebounds against Arkansas-Monticello, 18 points and 14 rebounds against UA Fort Smith, and 13 points and 10 rebounds in the NCCAA Tournament win over Oakland City.



The Dallas Baptist University basketball team celebrates together after winning against Spring Arbor University and being crowned NCCAA Division I National Champions held in Oakland City, Indiana.



After losing Adamson and fellow seniors Jared Whitmire and Michael Andrews to graduation, the Patriots will return ten players for next year's squad to go along with another stellar recruiting class put together by head coach Blake Flickner and his staff.

With their first year in Coach Flickner's program behind them, Nick Fox and juniors T.J. Clark and Ishmael Awange will look to join veterans McGowen and Lewis for another successful campaign in 2011-2012, as they accounted for 73 percent of this year's offense.

Freshmen Ryan Marsh and Russ Johnson gained valuable experience in their rookie seasons and will be looked upon to add depth to the Patriots' roster next year.

"It has been an incredible year. I am so proud of this team. I am happy that these seniors were able to enjoy an NCCAA National Championship in their final season and cut down the nets after their last game as a Patriot," said Flickner.

"This team persevered and continued to grow throughout the year. In the end, everyone contributed to allow us to play our best basketball when it mattered most," he added.



STATISTICS

RECORD

Overall:	(20-12)
Home:	(11-5)
Neutral Site:	(5-0)
Non-Conference:	(14-6)

SUMMARY

Games Played:	(32)
Field Goal %:	(.482)
3 Point %:	(.354)
Free Throw %:	(.748)
Steals:	(230)
Blocks:	(52)
Total Points:	(2531)

AVERAGE

Points/game:	(79.1)
Rebounds/game:	(31.8)
Assists/game:	(13.5)

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Points Scored:	
Nick Fox:	(567)
Braxton Adamson	(532)
Jordan McGowen	(426)
Assists:	
Armie Lewis	(102)
T.J. Clark	(77)
Jared Whitmire	(55)
Blocks:	
Ishmael Awange	(20)
Ryan Marsh	(12)
Rebounds/Game:	
Jordan McGowen	(6.8)
Nick Fox	(6.1)

AWARDS

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Nick Fox:

All-Heartland Conference First Team
Heartland Conference Newcomer of the Year

NCCAA Tournament MVP
NCCAA Second Team All-American

Braxton Adamson:

All-time leading scorer in DBU history
All-Heartland Conference Second Team
NCCAA All-American Honorable Mention

NCCAA Pete Maravich Memorial Award
CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team

Armie Lewis:

NCCAA Scholar Athlete

Jordan McGowen:

All-Heartland Conference Honorable Mention