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MONTEVALLO TABBED GSC MEN'S BASKETBALL FAVORITE UM, CBU SELECTED TO WIN DIVISION TITLES

Birmingham, AL—According to the head coaches, fans should expect the University of Montevallo to remain atop the Gulf South Conference Men's Basketball world.

The defending Conference Champions were named the Pre-Season Favorite for the fourth consecutive season, garnering four Overall Champion votes. The Falcons should have plenty of competition as seven other schools received at least one Overall Champion vote, including four from the East Division.

Alabama-Huntsville, North Alabama and Valdosta State each collected two Overall selections, while **West Division favorite Christian Brothers, Harding, Henderson State and West Georgia** notched one vote apiece.

The Conference is also represented in the Pre-Season national polls with Montevallo and Henderson State earning No. 15 and No. 22 rankings, respectively, from the NABC/Division II Bulletin. Christian Brothers also earned national recognition, placing ninth in *The Sporting News* College Magazine Top 10.

2007 GSC MEN'S BASKETBALL PRE-SEASON COACHES' POLLS

EAST DIVISION

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>Total</u>
Montevallo	2	4	—	—	—	—	32
North Alabama	2	—	3	1	—	—	27
Valdosta State	1	2	2	1	—	—	27
Alabama-Huntsville	1	1	1	2	1	—	23
West Georgia	1	—	1	2	2	—	20
West Florida	—	—	—	1	3	2	11
West Alabama	—	—	—	—	1	5	7

WEST DIVISION

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>7th</u>	<u>Total</u>
Christian Brothers	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	48
Harding	2	4	—	1	—	—	—	42
Delta State	—	2	1	4	—	—	—	33
Ouachita Baptist	—	—	6	—	1	—	—	33
Henderson State	—	—	—	3	3	—	1	22
Arkansas-Monticello	—	1	—	—	1	3	2	17
Southern Arkansas	—	—	—	—	3	2	2	15
Arkansas Tech	—	—	1	—	—	3	3	14

GSC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>VOTES</u>
Montevallo	4
Alabama-Huntsville	2
North Alabama	2
Valdosta State	2
Christian Brothers	1
Harding	1
Henderson State	1
West Georgia	1

NOTE: The Head Coaches voted on this poll. Teams from the East received 6 points for a first place vote, 5 for a second place vote, 4 for third, etc. In the West, teams received 7 points for a first place vote, 6 for a second place vote, 5 for third, etc. The Head Coaches then cast one vote for the overall champion. The Head Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own squads.

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE GSC MEN'S BASKETBALL COACHES' POLLS

UM CHOSEN TO WIN EAST DIVISION

Montevallo, ranked No. 15 in the nation by the NABC/Division II Bulletin, was chosen as the East Division favorite for the fourth straight year, garnering two first-place votes and four second-place votes for a total of 37 points.

Only seven points separates the next four teams with each squad claiming at least one first-place vote. **North Alabama** and **Valdosta State** tied for second place (27) with UNA claiming two first-place nods and VSU posting one. **Alabama-Huntsville** was fourth, totaling 23 points and one first-place vote, while **West Georgia** (20) ranked fifth led by the final first-place nod. **West Florida** (11) and **West Alabama** (7) rounded out the poll.

CBU NAMED WEST DIVISION FAVORITE

For the second year in a row, the West Division tabbed its first-ever favorite. This year, **Christian Brothers**, ranked No. 10 in the nation by *The Sporting News*, was predicted No. 1 for the first time since joining the GSC in 1996-97, totaling 48 points behind six first-place votes.

No. 2 **Harding** finished six points behind CBU, receiving the final two first-place nods, while **Delta State** and **Ouachita Baptist** tied for third with 33 points. Last year's West Division Champion **Henderson State** ranked fifth (22), followed by **Arkansas-Monticello** (17), **Southern Arkansas** (15) and **Arkansas Tech** (14).

WELCOME TO THE GSC

The East Division welcomes two new head coaches, each of whom must fill the shoes of long-time coaching legends.

For the second consecutive season a long time assistant will be replacing a GSC coaching stalwarts. This year, **Michael Cooney** steps up into the head role at **West Georgia** after the winningest coach in GSC history (399), **Ed Murphy**, retired after a 28-year career. Cooney is a 10-year veteran of the UWG program with the Wolves posting a 201-91 record during his run as an assistant and recruiting coordinator. The Gonzaga University graduate and spent four years at George Mason University before stepping on UWG's campus.

West Alabama has a new head coach for the first time since 1984-85, after **Rick Reedy** completed his 24th and final season behind 275 career collegiate victories. UWA remained in-state, hiring Birmingham, Alabama native **Eddie McCarter**. McCarter brings over 30 years of coaching experience to Livingston, including last year's stint as an assistant at his alma mater, the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Prior to his season at UAB, McCarter was the head man at the University of Texas-Arlington where he left as UTA's all-time winningest coach (179).

GSC MEN'S BASKETBALL IN NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

NABC/Division II Bulletin Pre-Season Top 25

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| 1. Winona State | 14. St. Rose |
| 2. Bentley | 15. Montevallo |
| 3. Grand Valley State | 16. South Dakota |
| 4. Northwest Missouri St. | 17. West Virginia State |
| 5. Wingate | 18. Central Oklahoma |
| 6. Humboldt State | 19. Drury |
| 7. Findlay | 20. Metro State |
| 8. Barton | 21. California (PA) |
| 9. Augusta State | 22. Henderson State |
| 10. Southern Indiana | 23. West Texas A&M |
| 11. Alderson-Broaddus | 24. Rollins |
| 12. Virginia Union | 25. Emporia State |
| 13. Alaska-Anchorage | |

The Sporting News College Basketball Magazine

Division II Top 10

1. South Dakota
2. Winona State
3. Grand Valley State
4. Northwest Missouri State
5. Metropolitan State
6. Augusta State
7. Southern Indiana
8. West Virginia State
9. **Christian Brothers**
10. Alaska-Anchorage

Possible Breakthroughs (GSC only)

Harding

All-America Team (GSC only)

Honorable Mention

Matt Hall, Harding
Kevin Weybright, Christian Brothers

2007 GSC PRE-SEASON MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

Three returning First Team All-GSC honorees and five Second Team standouts highlight the 2007 GSC Pre-Season Men's Basketball Team. Ten different schools are represented on the squad, led by **West Georgia** which was the lone school with two honorees.

All six members of the West Division team return after posting All-GSC honors a year ago. Leading the way is two-time West Division Player of the Year, **Harding forward Matt Hall**. Hall is the league's leading returning scorer after ranking third in 2006-07 (22.0) and also placing sixth in free throw percentage (.826—199-241). **Christian Brothers forward Kevin Weybright** and **Ouachita Baptist guard Jaranimo Marks** also collected First Team honors a year ago. Weybright was eighth in scoring (20.3), ninth in field goal percentage (.563—211-375) and 10th in three-point percentage (.429—67-159) and rebounds (6.6), while Marks was sixth in steals (1.82).

Completing the West Division Pre-Season Team are three 2007 Second Teamers. **Arkansas Tech guard Terrance Whitters** led the GSC in steals (2.78) and ranked fifth in scoring (21.4) and assists (3.83). **Delta State forward Johnny Hodge** and **Henderson State guard Antoine Vinson** round out the squad. Vinson ranked eighth in three-point percentage (.432—72-167) and assists (3.50).

The East Division Pre-Season Team is led by two 2007 Second Team All-GSC standouts. **Valdosta State forward Devario Hudson** led the Conference in rebounding (9.4) and blocks (2.07). **West Georgia guard/forward Henrick Foster** was fourth in field goal percentage (.595—173-291) and ninth in steals (1.68) and rebounds (6.7).

Rounding out the East Division squad is **UWG guard Terrence Hundley**, **Alabama-Huntsville point guard Tyler Dunaway** and **North Alabama guard Quinn Beckwith**.

EAST DIVISION

<u>POS</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>
PG	Tyler Dunaway	UAH	6-2	185	SR	New Market, AL
G	Quinn Beckwith	UNA	6-0	185	SR	Tuscumbia, AL
F	#Devario Hudson	VSU	6-7	210	SR	Decatur, GA
G/F	#Henrick Foster	UWG	6-2	185	SR	Bronx, NY
G	Terrence Hundley	UWG	6-2	185	SR	Rancho Cucamonga, CA

WEST DIVISION

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G	#Terrance Whitters	ATU	6-0	165	SR	Baltimore, MD
F	\$Kevin Weybright	CBU	6-6	220	SR	Cincinnati, OH
F	#Johnny Hodge	DSU	6-5	200	SR	Monroe, LA
F	\$Matt Hall	HU	6-7	215	SR	DeQueen, AR
G	#Antoine Vinson	HSU	5-11	175	SR	St. Louis, MO
G	\$Jaranimo Marks	OBU	6-1	195	JR	Arkadelphia, AR

\$—2006-07 First Team All-GSC

#—2006-07 Second Team All-GSC

2007 GSC MEN'S BASKETBALL TOP NEWCOMERS

EAST DIVISION

<u>POS</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>LAST SCHOOL/HOMETOWN</u>
F	Tyler Hanback	UAH	6-4	200	FR	Madison Academy/Huntsville, AL
F	Srdjan Boskovic	UAH	6-6	195	FR	St. Mary's Rykien/California, MD
G	Taurus Dortch	UM	6-3	190	SO	UAB/Birmingham, AL
G	Terrill Humphrey	UM	6-3	195	JR	Santa Fe CC/St. Augustine, FL
G/F	Isaac Gay	UNA	6-5	205	JR	University of Louisiana-Monroe/Brusly, LA
F	Thomas Fraise	UNA	6-6	315	JR	Lincoln Trail CC/New Orleans, LA
G	Bahaadar Russell	VSU	6-2	175	JR	Cleveland State CC/Phoenix, AZ
G	JaQuan Bray	VSU	6-3	190	SO	James Madison University/Smyrna, GA
G	Bobby Clark	UWA	6-5	185	JR	Iowa Western CC/Jackson, MS
G	Glenn Miles	UWA	6-6	200	JR	Bevill State-Sumiton CC/Birmingham, AL
F	Charles Bouie	UWF	6-7	210	JR	Indian River CC/Pahokee, FL
G	Ryan Henry	UWF	6-2	190	JR	Roane State CC/Ft. Lauderdale, FL
C	Lounceny Kaba	UWG	6-8	230	SR	St. Bonaventure University/Kamsar, Guinea
F	Anthony Washington	UWG	6-9	205	JR	Feather River CC/Las Vegas, NV

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F	Mike Pilgrim	UAM	6-9	245	JR	Seton Hall University/Cincinnati, OH
G	DeAngelo Dean	UAM	6-3	215	FR	Tuft HS/Cincinnati, OH
G/F	Jamar Flowers	ATU	6-6	205	JR	Navarro JC/White Castle, LA
F	Troy Marcus	ATU	6-6	230	JR	Jamestown CC/Bronx, NY
C	Paul Brennan	CBU	6-11	215	FR	Chaminade HS/St. Louis, MO
F	Sean Hennessy	CBU	6-6	200	FR	La Salle HS/Cincinnati, OH
G	Earnesto Green	DSU	6-3	195	JR	East Central CC/Jackson, MS
F	Brad Skipper	DSU	6-7	215	JR	Pensacola JC/Pace, FL
G	Chris Dixon	HU	6-4	195	SR	Tarleton State University/Fayetteville, NC
F	Kevin Brown	HU	6-5	200	FR	Hughes HS/Hughes, AR
G	Dontavis Jones	HSU	5-8	150	JR	Mineral Area CC/Kennett, MO
F	Lucas Whisenhunt	HSU	6-4	210	FR	Kirby HS/Kirby, AR
G	Ed Keyes	OBU	6-7	215	JR	Central Florida CC/Atlantic City, NJ
G	Antonio Benjamin	OBU	6-0	175	JR	Bevill State-Fayette CC/Marksville, LA
G	Scotty Lott	SAU	5-10	175	SR	Houston Tillotson/Houston, TX
G	David Noble	SAU	6-3	180	FR	Mansfield HS/Mansfield, TX