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2008-09 GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL RELEASE

NORTH ALABAMA PICKED AS GSC MEN'S BASKETBALL FAVORITE UNA, OBU SELECTED TO WIN DIVISION TITLES

Birmingham, AL—Lions and Tigers were selected to the rule the Gulf South Conference Men's Basketball jungle this season.

The GSC Coaches' tabbed **North Alabama** the Pre-Season Favorite thanks to seven Overall Champion votes. The accomplishment was the Lions' first-ever since the league began designating the Overall Favorite in 1994-95.

UNA clipped **Ouachita Baptist** which collected six overall votes, the most since the Tigers joined the Conference in 2000-01. Defending league Champion **Christian Brothers** and East Division power **Montevallo** capped the Overall Champion voting, adding one vote apiece.

The Conference was also represented in the Pre-Season national polls. UNA and CBU each found the *Division II Bulletin* top 20, placing No. 15 and No. 19, respectively. **Christian Brothers center Nick Kohs** was an Honorable Mention selection by *The Sporting News* College Magazine Top 10.

2008 GSC MEN'S BASKETBALL PRE-SEASON COACHES' POLLS

EAST DIVISION

SCHOOL	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Total
North Alabama	5	1	—	—	—	—	35
West Georgia	1	2	1	1	1	—	25
Valdosta State	—	2	2	2	—	—	24
Montevallo	—	2	2	1	1	—	23
Alabama-Huntsville	1	—	1	3	1	—	21
West Florida	—	—	1	—	4	1	13
West Alabama	—	—	—	—	—	6	6

WEST DIVISION

SCHOOL	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	Total
Ouachita Baptist	6	—	—	—	1	—	—	45
Christian Brothers	1	2	2	1	1	—	—	36
Delta State	—	2	3	2	—	—	—	35
Arkansas-Monticello	1	3	—	—	1	1	1	31
Harding	—	1	—	4	2	—	—	28
Arkansas Tech	—	—	2	1	3	1	—	25
Southern Arkansas	—	—	1	—	—	3	3	14
Henderson State	—	—	1	—	—	3	3	10

GSC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

SCHOOL	VOTES
North Alabama	7
Ouachita Baptist	6
Christian Brothers	1
Montevallo	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

UNA SELECTED TO DEFEND EAST DIVISION CROWN

North Alabama was chosen to repeat as East Division Champions, grabbing all but one possible first-place votes (five). The 2008 NCAA South Region Champions tallied 35 total points, en route to its first division favorite honor since 1993-94.

Only four points separate the second through fifth spots. **West Georgia** (25) finished one point ahead of Peach State rival **Valdosta State** (24) for second place, while **Montevallo** clipped in-state rival **Alabama-Huntsville** for fourth, 23-21. UAH finished fifth despite claiming the lone remaining first-place nod. **West Florida** (13) and **West Alabama** (6) rounded out the poll.

OBU NAMED WEST DIVISION FAVORITE

For the third consecutive year, the West Division tabbed its first-ever favorite. This season, **Ouachita Baptist** was predicted No. 1 for the first time since joining the GSC in 2000-01, totaling 45 points behind six first-place votes.

Defending GSC Champion Christian Brothers finished second (36) led by one first-place vote, while **Delta State** (35) came in third, just one point behind CBU. **Arkansas-Monticello** earned the final first-place nod en route to fourth place (31). **Harding** (28) is expected to claim the final GSC Tournament spot, while **Arkansas Tech** ranked sixth (25). Completing the poll was **Southern Arkansas** (14) and **Henderson State** (10).

GSC MEN'S BASKETBALL IN NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

NABC/Division II Bulletin Pre-Season Top 25

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| 1. Findlay | 14. Lenoir-Rhyne |
| 2. Florida Southern | 15. North Alabama |
| 3. Bentley | 16. Gannon |
| 4. Northern Kentucky | 17. Drury |
| 5. USC-Aiken | 18. Mount Olive |
| 6. Minnesota State | 19. Christian Brothers |
| 7. Central Oklahoma | 20. Catawba |
| 8. Winona State | 21. Pitt-Johnstown |
| 9. Northwest Missouri St. | 22. Clayton State |
| 10. Augusta State | 23. Grand Valley State |
| 11. Southwest Baptist | 24. BYU-Hawaii |
| 12. C.W. Post | 25. Philadelphia |
| 13. Central Washington | |

The Sporting News College Basketball Magazine Division II Top 10

1. South Carolina-Aiken
2. Findlay
3. Gannon
4. Bentley
5. Augusta State
6. Southwest Baptist
7. Central Washington
8. Grand Valley State
9. Florida Southern
10. C.W. Post

All-America Team (GSC only)
Honorable Mention
C-Nick Kohs, Christian Brothers

2008 GSC PRE-SEASON MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

Three returning First Team All-GSC honorees and three Second Team standouts highlight the 2008 GSC Pre-Season Men's Basketball Team.

Nine different schools are represented on the squad, led by **North Alabama's** three standouts. Montevallo, Ouachita Baptist and West Florida each added two members apiece.

The West Division team is led by returning First Teamers, **Christian Brothers center Nick Kohs** and **Ouachita Baptist forward Ed Keyes**. Kohs led the GSC in rebounds (10.9) a year ago and also ranked fourth in assists (4.63), fifth in field goal percentage (.555—198-357), sixth in blocks (1.44) and tenth in scoring (15.8). Keyes was fourth in blocks (1.87), sixth in rebounds (7.6) and seventh in field goal percentage (.546—149-273).

Delta State guard Earnesto Green was named to the West Division Second Team after leading the team in scoring (11.9).

The East Division Pre-Season Team is led by one 2007 First Team All-GSC star and two Second Team. First Team **Montevallo guard Terrill Humphrey** finished last season third in scoring (18.4), eighth in free throw percentage (.765—75-98) and ninth in three-point percentage (.403—95-236).

North Alabama forward Thomas Fraise was the 2008 NCAA South Region Most Valuable Player and placed third in three-point percentage (.420—42-100) and eighth in rebounds (7.4). **West Georgia Second Team guard Doug Daniels** averaged 11.5 points and 5.2 rebounds in 28 games.

EAST DIVISION

<i>POS</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>SCHOOL</i>	<i>HT</i>	<i>WT</i>	<i>YEAR</i>	<i>HOMETOWN</i>
G	Kael Coleman	UAH	6-4	180	SR	DePere, WI
G	#Terrill Humphrey	UM	6-3	190	SR	St. Augustine, FL
F	Anthony Brown	UM	6-7	220	JR	Birmingham, AL
G	Kenny Johnson	UNA	5-11	160	SR	Plaquemine, LA
F	\$Thomas Fraise	UNA	6-6	300	SR	New Orleans, LA
F	Isaac Gay	UNA	6-6	205	SR	Baton Rouge, LA
F	Charles Bouie	UWF	6-7	200	SR	Pahokee, FL
G	Ryan Henry	UWF	6-0	170	SR	F. Lauderdale, FL
G	\$Doug Daniels	UWG	6-3	180	SR	Vallejo, CA

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F	Raymond Wright	UAM	6-9	220	SR	New York, NY
F	#Nick Kohs	CBU	6-8	225	SR	Cincinnati, OH
G	\$Earnesto Green	DSU	6-3	190	SR	Jackson, MS
F	#Ed Keyes	OBU	6-7	215	SR	Atlantic City, NJ
G	Jaranimo Marks	OBU	6-1	195	SR	Arkadelphia, AR

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2008 GSC MEN'S BASKETBALL TOP NEWCOMERS

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<u>POS</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>LAST SCHOOL/HOMETOWN</u>
G	Freddy Little	UM	6-0	185	JR	Miami-Dade/Raleigh, NC
G	Marcus Lancaster	UM	5-10	170	JR	Southwestern Christian College/Grand Rapids, MI
G	Jarelle Redden	UNA	6-2	200	SR	Ball State/Cincinnati, OH
F/C	Eddie Lima	UNA	6-9	290	SR	Cal State-Fullerton/Recife, Brazil
F	Tyrone Curnell	VSU	6-7	227	JR	Seminole CC/Ocoee, FL
G	Christian Hunter	VSU	6-2	189	SO	VMI/Chagrin Falls, OH
F	Janson Swanson	UWA	6-7	215	JR	Shelton State CC/Troy, AL
F	Brandon Hampton	UWA	6-5	195	JR	Lawson State JC/Madison, AL
G	Chris Brown	UWF	6-0	195	SR	South Carolina-Aiken/Tallahassee, FL
F	Darryl McGhee	UWF	6-8	190	JR	Gulf Coast CC/Defuniak Springs, FL
F	John Pringle	UWG	6-7	205	JR	Essex CC/Newark, NJ
F	Chris Miller-Williams	UWG	6-5	275	SR	South Carolina State/Stone Mountain, GA

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G	Don Riley	UAM	6-4	200	SR	East Central CC/Pine Bluff, AR
F	James Early	UAM	6-7	225	JR	South Georgia Tech/Arlington, GA
C	Thiago Cordeiro	ATU	6-10	230	SR	University of Dayton/Recife, Brazil
G	Brandon Ballard	ATU	6-4	180	JR	Arkansas State Univ./Leachville, AR
G	Scott Dennis	CBU	6-4	165	FR	Sycamore HS/Cincinnati, OH
F	Kevin Doran	CBU	6-6	215	FR	St. BenedictHS/Memphis, TN
F	Alton Robinson	DSU	6-7	215	SR	Colorado State Univ./Hattiesburg, MS
G	Arian Maliqi	DSU	6-6	200	JR	Florida Gulf Coast CC/Pristine, Kosovo
G	Sam Brown	HU	6-2	180	SO	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M/Little Rock, AR
G	Bradley Spencer	HU	6-2	180	FR	Lonoke HS/Lonoke, AR
F	Kyle Oldham	HSU	6-5	195	JR	Southeastern Illinois College/Equality, IL
C	P.J. Roberson	HSU	7-0	260	FR	Heritage HS/Oklahoma City, OK
G/F	Roger Elland	OBU	6-6	215	JR	Hill College/Grand Prairie, TX
F	Belford Williams	OBU	6-4	210	JR	College of Eastern Utah/Hill Air Force Base, UT
F	Charles Moore	SAU	6-6	215	SR	Tennessee Tech Univ./St. Louis, MO
G	Tony James	SAU	5-11	165	JR	Bossier-Parish CC/Bossier City, LA