



PATRIOT BASKETBALL

From the team's mission trip to Chile in October to the final buzzer at the NCCAA Regional Tournament in March, the 2013-2014 Dallas Baptist Men's Basketball season was filled with a number of signature moments. Coming off a year in which the Patriots finished tied for fifth in the Heartland Conference standings and looking to replace a three-time First Team All-Conference performer, Nick Fox, DBU took the floor with a squad built around young talent.

In the early stages of the team's non-conference schedule, the Patriots got off to a 2-3 start before history was made on November 26 at the Burg Center. Redshirt-sophomore Jonathan Perry's 47 point performance that night versus an undefeated Southeastern Oklahoma State team, lifted DBU to an 89-80 upset win. In the process, Perry etched his name in the school and Heartland Conference record books. His 47 point outburst that night broke the single-game scoring record in Dallas Baptist Basketball history, while also setting a new Heartland Conference record for most points scored in a game by a player.

As league play began in early December, the Patriots opened with a thrilling

61-59 win over Lubbock Christian in the conference opener. Following the victory, DBU struggled through the rest of December and into January, losing six consecutive games in one stretch.

The Patriots would finish the regular season by winning six of their last seven contests and narrowly missed advancing to the Heartland Conference Tournament. DBU's 9-9 conference record placed them fifth overall in the league standings and earned the team a berth in the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Regional Tournament.

In the team's opening round game of the NCCAA Regional Tournament in Edmond, Oklahoma, the Patriots knocked off host school, Oklahoma Christian, 87-75. The win avenged two previous losses to OCU during the regular season and placed the Patriots in the semifinal round and two wins away from the NCCAA National Tournament.

DBU's magical run would come to a conclusion two days later in a loss to Southern Nazarene University, 75-61.

"I'm really proud of this group. They stayed coachable and kept working hard all season," DBU head basketball coach

Blake Flickner said. "We had a tough stretch where we lost six in a row, but they stuck together and turned it around. In the last 12 games, we were playing at a really high level, and that says a lot about their character. I love these guys, and I'm proud of who they are as men and as a team."

Following the season, Jonathan Perry was named Second Team All-Heartland Conference. The redshirt-sophomore from Kerrville, Texas, finished the year as the team's leading scorer with 442 points and finished second in the league averaging 17 points-per-game.

DBU graduates two seniors from this year's squad, Remy Ndiaye and Cory Carden. Ndiaye led the team in rebounding, while also averaging 10.6 points per game. Carden's presence will be missed from three-point range as he connected on 29 shots from beyond the arc this year.

The Patriots will now set their sights on a highly anticipated 2014-2015 season as they return their leading scorer in Perry; the team leader in assists in point guard, Jason Gentry; and Myles Johnson, who averaged 11.8 points-per-game and drained a team-leading 47 three-pointers on the season.

Jonathan Perry



Remy Ndiaye

