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Ferris State Matches Division II Win Record (38), Captures 2018 National Championship

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — Ferris State University capped off a historic campaign as the Bulldogs claimed the school's first NCAA Division II national championship with a 71-69 win over Northern State (S.D.) before a sold out crowd inside the Sanford Pentagon on Saturday.

The Bulldogs won the championship title and also matched the all-time NCAA Division II record with their 38th win of the year, tying Winona State (Minn.) for the most victories in a single-campaign in Division II basketball history.

Ferris State finished with a 38-1 overall record and won its last 26 games in a row to close the year.

The Bulldogs fell behind early by seven points in the opening half, but rallied back to take a 39-37 halftime lead. The second half went back

and forth with FSU grabbing a six-point advantage with 18:12 to go in the game before the Wolves responded in the second-ever series matchup.

Down the stretch, the two teams traded advantages before the Bulldogs finally surged in front in the closing

throws while making three-of-eight (37.5%) three's in the triumph.

Northern State, which closed the year with a 36-4 mark, was led by Carter Evans' game-high 20 points.

The Bulldogs were out-rebounded 33-27 for the day.



minute. A last-second try from Northern State fell short and the Bulldogs secured the rebound to pull out the victory.

Junior center Zach Hankins led the way for FSU with a team-high 19 points while earning NCAA Division II Elite Eight Most Outstanding Player honors.

The Bulldogs also got 12 points from senior wing Peter Firlik.

Overall, Ferris State shot 47.3 percent for the day and hit 16-of-22 (72.7%) free

Ferris State became only the second Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) school ever to win a national championship in men's basketball, joining Findlay's unbeaten 2009 team in the record books. FSU also matched Winona State's all-time wins record with their 38th triumph of the year.

The national championship is the first one ever for a Ferris State University athletics squad in NCAA Division II competition.

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A Season to Remember

Well, that was a fast season. The 2017-18 men's college basketball season is in the books and it seems like we just put out our Preseason Preview.

After 27 years the seasons start to go pretty quickly. Overall, it was a memorable year with a number of teams outperforming expectations and when it came to the tournament, it was fantastic. We had close games, we had drama and we had a strong Elite Eight that gave us a new champion that won 38 games this season. It was also the first time the men's and women's Elite Eight tournaments were held in the same location. I thought this was a fantastic initiative and it added an air of excitement to the championships.

Looking back on our campaign, the 27th in our publishing life, it was one of our best years: our readership continued to grow; every week from January to the end of the campaign you had a new report in your e-mail; and our social media interaction was strong, particularly in October with our Preseason Issue.

Now, to this season. Congratulations to all of this year's tournament teams, and to the coaches who put in so much time and effort this season to make their teams better. It was a great tournament.

Our Player of the Year is Zach Hankins of Ferris State. He had an incredible junior year and led his team to a national title.

Our corporate partners provided strong support this season. SNA Sports and Molten showed their commitments

to Division II coaches.

The SNA Sports Coach of the Month and Coach of the Year honors continue to grow in prestige. The company is eager to further support Division II coaches, and the president, Jim Peterson, personally kept his tradition of calling this year's winner, Ferris State's Andy Bronkema. SNA Sports is a first class company, so please give it a call if you need new basketball goals or equipment.

Finally, thank you for supporting us this season. We hope you received all the information you needed to stay on top of the Division II landscape.

Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you in October.

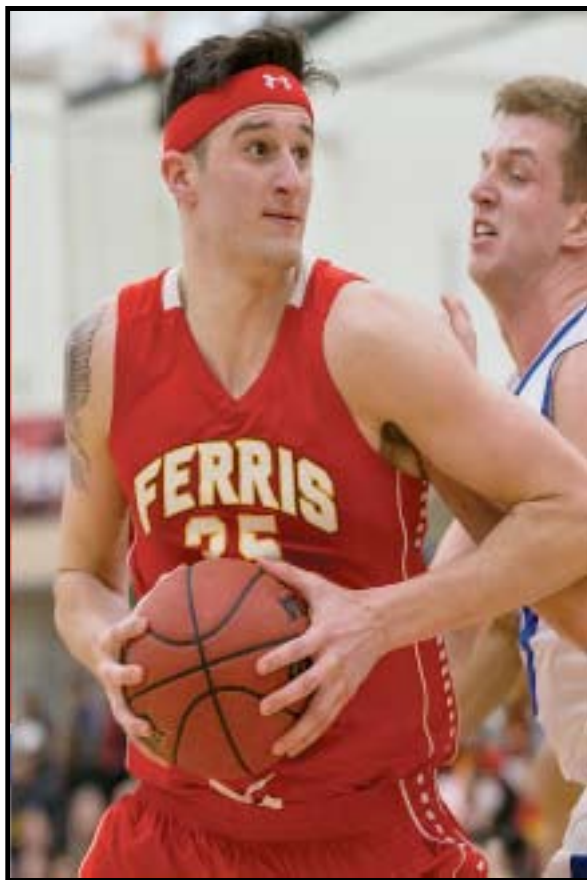
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An advertisement for the SNA Sports Legacy 10 Portable Basketball Goal. The image shows a red and white basketball goal on a gymnasium floor. Text on the ad includes: "Introducing the New LEGACY™ Portable Basketball Goal", "STRONGER FASTER • TOUGHER", a list of features (Larger, More Powerful Lift Springs; New Redesigned Power Beam; New Kinematic Integrated Stabilizing System (KISS); Thicker Safety Padding; Nearly Instantaneous Setup; Shatterproof Backboard), "New Legacy™ 10 Pinnacle Bank Arena University of Nebraska Lincoln", the SNA Sports logo (formerly Schelde North America), and the contact information "Call: 1-800-823-0182 • Visit our new website: SNAsportsgroup.com".

Ferris State's Hankins Named 2018 DIIB Player of the Year



Player of the Year



**Zach Hankins
Ferris State**

2017-18 Player of the Year

Hankins' Stat Sheet

2017-18	
Points	14.9
Rebounds	9.9
FG%	63.4

2017-18 Awards

- GLIAC Player of the Year
- DIIB 1st Team All-American
- NABC Player of the Year

Ferris State junior center Zach Hankins has been named the 2018 *Division II Bulletin* Player of the Year.

Hankins helped lead the Bulldogs to a second consecutive Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) regular-season championship, a fourth-straight league tournament title, the school's second-ever regional crown and a national championship.

Hankins has paced the Bulldogs in scoring (14.9) and rebounding (9.9) while also leading the conference in rebounding, field goal percentage and blocked shots. He compiled 31 double-figure scoring efforts for the Bulldogs and ranked among the national leaders in several statistical categories. The standout center also was tabbed as the GLIAC Player of the Year for the second year in a row and was the Elite Eight Most Outstanding Player recipient.

Hankins headlines the *DIIB* All-Americans, where he is joined on the first team by Justin Pitts from Northwest Missouri, Daeshon Francis of UT Permian Basin, Justin Reyes of St. Thomas Aquinas and David Chavlovich from West Texas A&M.

Division II Bulletin has named a Player of the Year every year since the 1991-92 season.



2018 All-Americans

Player of the Year
Zach Hankins
Ferris State



All-Freshman Team

Phoenix Shackelford	Cal Poly Pomona
Zaccheus Hobbs	Elizabeth City State
Jake Van Tubbergen	Grand Valley State
Curtis Lewis	Rockhurst
Tyree Boykin	Union
Gaige Prim	West Texas A&M
Ulyen Coleman	So. Connecticut
Jordan Thomas	Georgia College
Michael Glen	Colorado Mines
Max Miller	Newberry

Honorable Mention

Corey Taite, Goldey-Beacom, Jr.
 Robert Davis III, J.C. Smith, Sr.
 Jordan Floyd, King, Jr.
 Jhonathan Dunn, So. Nazarene, Soph.
 DaVaunta Thomas, UA Fort Smith, Sr.
 Ethan Alvano, CSU San Marcos, Sr.
 Dayon Goodman, Westminster, Sr.
 Keyshawn Liggins, Edinboro, Jr.
 Dan Monteroso, West Liberty, Sr.
 Adam Dieball, Christian Bros., Jr.
 Gage Davis, St. Cloud St., Jr.
 Ryan Richmond, Bentley, Jr.
 Adam Eberhard, Bellarmine, Jr.
 Darryl Tucker, West Florida, Sr.
 Chris Walters, So. NH, Sr.
 CJ Carr, Mo. Southern, Sr.
 Kyle Monroe, Michigan Tech, Jr.
 Charles Clark, Carson-Newman, Sr.
 Tommy Bolte, Concord, Jr.
 Luke Chavez, St. Martin's, Jr.
 Akaemji Williams, Lake Superior, Sr.
 Brady Skeens, Washburn, Sr.
 Juvaris Hayes, Merrimack, So.
 Christian Oshita, UC San Diego, Jr.
 Ryan Bruggeman, SW Minn., Jr.
 Patrick Burke, Dallas Baptist, Sr.
 Wendall Davis, Ashland, Sr.
 Drushaun McLaurin, Eckerd, Jr.
 Rasmus Bach, Fort Lewis, Sr.
 Dorian Pinson, Lincoln Mem., Sr.
 Kalidou Diouf, Cal Baptist, Sr.
 Alex Stein, Southern Indiana, Jr.
 Sam Daniel, Florida Tech, Sr.
 Niksha Federico, Hawaii Pacific, Sr.
 Micah Till, Slippery Rock, So.

2018 Division II Bulletin All-Americans

First Team

Justin Pitts	Northwest Missouri	Senior	Guard
Zach Hankins	Ferris State	Junior	Center
Daeshon Francis	UT Permian Basin	Senior	Guard
Justin Reyes	St. Thomas Aquinas	Senior	Forward
David Chavlovich	West Texas A&M	Senior	Guard

Second Team

Tanner Omlid	Western Oregon	Senior	Forward
Beau Justice	Valdosta State	Junior	Guard
Tyler Rudolph	Minot State	Senior	Forward
Emanuel Terry	Lincoln Memorial	Senior	Forward
Dustin Sleva	Shippensburg	Senior	Forward

Third Team

Todd Withers	Queens (NC)	Senior	Forward
Taren Sullivan	Findlay	Senior	Forward
Haywood Highsmith	Wheeling Jesuit	Senior	Forward
Tim Guers	St. Anselm	Senior	Guard
Tyrius Walker	Morehouse	Senior	Guard

Fourth Team

Detrek Browning	Francis Marion	Senior	Guard
Nolan Berry	Maryville	Senior	Center
Trevor Hill	Dixie State	Senior	Guard
Anthony Glover	Indiana (PA)	Senior	Guard
Elvar Fridriksson	Barry	Senior	Guard

Bronkema Captures 2018 SNA Sports/DIIB Coach of the Year Award



**2018 Coach of the Year
Andy Bronkema, Ferris State**

Ferris State University head coach Andy Bronkema has been named the 2018 SNA Sports/*Division II Bulletin* Coach of the Year.

Bronkema guided his Bulldogs to a 38-1 record, matching the all-time Division II mark, en route to the 2018 NCAA Division II national championship.

Division II Bulletin has named a Coach of the Year every season since 1991-92. Bronkema is the second coach from the GLIAC to win the honor and first since 2009.

“All college basketball coaches are to be commended for their tireless devotion and sacrifices this season. Winning the national championship takes an outstanding effort from the first day of practice to the final buzzer,” said Jim Peterson, president of SNA Sports, a leading basketball goal and equipment manufacturer. “SNA Sports is proud to partner with *Division II Bulletin* to recognize Andy Bronkema and all of the Division II college basketball coaches.”

DIIB Coaches of the Year

- 1992-Jim Thorson, South Dakota St.
- 1993-Pat Douglass, Cal St. Bakersfield
- 1994-Stan Spirou, N.H College
- 1995-Ken Shields, Northern Kentucky
- 1996-Gary Garner, Fort Hays St.
- 1997-Jeff Price, Lynn
- 1998-Bob Williams, UC Davis
- 1999-Ray Harper, Kentucky Wesleyan
- 2000-Robert Corn, Missouri Southern
- 2001-Ray Harper, Kentucky Wesleyan
- 2002-Mike Dunlap, Metropolitan State
- 2003-Larry Gipson, Northeastern State
- 2004-Tony Ingle, Kennesaw State
- 2005-Jay Lawson, Bentley
- 2006-Mike Leaf, Winona State
- 2007-Ron Lievense, Barton
- 2008-Mike Leaf, Winona State
- 2009-Ron Niekamp, Findlay
- 2010-Greg Kamansky, Cal Poly Pomona
- 2011-Scott Davenport, Bellarmine
- 2012-Brad Jackson, W. Washington
- 2013-Derrick Clark, Metro State
- 2014-Kim Anderson, C. Missouri
- 2015-Linc Darner, Florida Southern
- 2016-Tom Billeter, Augustana
- 2017-Ben McCollum, NW Missouri

Conference Coaches of the Year

- CCAA**
Greg Kamansky, Cal Poly Pomona
- CACC**
Gerald Holmes, Bloomfield
- CIAA**
Lonnie Blow Jr., Virginia State
- Conference Carolinas**
Steve Hardin, Lees-McRae
- East Coast**
Mike Ruane, Bridgeport
- Great American**
Adam Bohac, Southern Nazarene
- GLIAC**
Andy Bronkema, Ferris State
- GLVC**
Scott Davenport, Bellarmine
- GMAC**
Charlie Ernst, Findlay
- GNAC**
Jim Shaw, Western Oregon
- Gulf South**
Jeff Burkhamer, West Florida
- Heartland**
RJ Allen, Newman
- Lone Star**
Tom Brown, West Texas A&M
- MIAA**
Jeff Boschee, Missouri Southern
- Mountain East**
Ben Howlett, West Liberty
- NE-10**
Patrick Beilein, Le Moyne
- NSIC**
Paul Sather, Northern State
- PacWest**
Jon Judkins, Dixie State
- Peach Belt**
Jimmy Link, Clayton State
- PSAC**
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E - Jeff Wilson, East Stroudsburg
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