

Thompson Leads Daktronics Great Lakes Team

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Southern Indiana forward Chris Thompson is a bit like the nearly-extinct family doctor. He doesn't specialize, he's proficient on a number of fronts.

Thompson is the Daktronics NCAA Division II Basketball Great Lakes Region player of the year. He received the most votes of any player in the region. Voting was conducted by sports information directors in the region.

The award comes just days after the senior was named the co-player of the year in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Thompson, who is the leading scorer in the GLVC at 18.9 ppg., has helped lead Southern Indiana to a 27-6 record and a spot in the NCAA playoffs. He's averaging 9.9 rpg., and shooting 63 percent from the field. Twice this season the 6-6 Thompson has been named the player of the month by the Division II Bulletin. He was honored as the Disney Division II Tip-off Classic's most outstanding player after leading USI to the preseason championship. Four times this year Thompson has been the GLVC player of the week. He's registered 15 double-doubles and three times has had 15 rebounds in a game.

Joining Thompson on the Daktronics all-region first team are forwards Collins Harris of Drury, Sullivan Sykes of Saint Joseph's and Ricky Volcy of Northern Michigan. Findlay guard Dustin Pfeifer is the final member of the first team. The five members of the first team all-region unit move on to the Daktronics All-America ballot.

The second team consists of Ashland center Justin Brown, Grand Valley State center Callistus Eziukwu and guards Dennis Springs of Ferris State, J.B. Jones of SIU-Edwardsville and Jonathan Griffin of Missouri-St. Louis.

Harris, a 6-5 sophomore, has played some of his best basketball in the final weeks of the regular season. His play propelled Drury (21-8) into the NCAA playoffs. A first team All-GLVC choice, he's averaging 18.9 ppg., 4.7 rpg., and 1.3 steals per game. He's tied for the league lead in scoring, is second in steals and 10th in field goal percentage (.540).

Sykes has been the ringleader in a magical season for Saint Joseph's. The Pumas are 30-2 and ranked second in the country. Thanks in large part to Sykes, who's averaging 18.9 ppg., and 5.7 rpg., the Pumas claimed the GLVC championship. Sykes shares the conference lead in scoring, is first in free throw percentage (.785) and is second in steals (1.6 spg.) and rebounds (5.7 rpg.). He shared the GLVC player of the year award with Thompson and is first team All-GLVC. The 6-4 senior had 26 points in the GLVC championship game and was tabbed the most outstanding player at the tournament.

Volcy's a 6-8 junior who averaged 20.4 ppg., 7.9 rpg., and 2.5 blocks per game. The powerful forward led the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in scoring and blocked shots. A first team All-GLIAC choice, he was the GLIAC North Division

player of the week three times in 2005-06. He scored over 30 points in a game three times. The Wildcats finished 17-11.

Pfeifer is the 2005-06 GLIAC player of the year. The 5-9 senior guard has been named first team All-GLIAC for two consecutive seasons. He's helped guide Findlay to four consecutive division titles and two straight GLIAC Final Four berths. Pfeifer is sixth in NCAA Division II history in career steals (324). This year he's averaging 15.0 ppg., 5.4 apg., and 3.0 spg. He's Findlay's career leader in assists and steals. During his four years as a starter, Findlay has gone 103-23 and last year's team advanced to the Elite Eight.

Daktronics Great Lakes Region First Team

Name, School	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown
Chris Thompson, Southern Indiana	F	Sr.	6-6	Starke, FL
Collins Harris, Drury	F	So.	6-5	Jefferson City, MO
Sullivan Sykes, Saint Joseph's	F	Sr.	6-4	New Orleans, LA
Ricky Volcy, Northern Michigan	F	Sr.	6-8	Montreal, Quebec
Dustin Pfeifer, Findlay	G	Sr.	5-9	Washington Court House, OH

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Name, School	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown
Justin Brown, Ashland	C	Sr.	6-9	Columbus, OH
Callistus Eziukwu, Grand Valley St.	C	So.	6-10	Muskegon, MI
Dennis Springs, Ferris State	G	Sr.	5-6	Toledo, OH
Jonathan Griffin, Missouri-St. Louis	G	Sr.	6-2	St. Louis, MO
J.B. Jones, SIU-Edwardsville	G	So.	6-2	Belleville, IL

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