



SKYLINE CONFERENCE

MEN'S BASKETBALL REPORT

2008-09 ALL-SKYLINE CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**DAMIEN SANTANA • Farmingdale State College
Senior • Guard • Brooklyn, N.Y. (Grady HS)**

Farmingdale State College senior guard Damien Santana was selected as the Skyline Conference Player of the Year in men's basketball for the second straight season. Santana averaged 19.8 points, 6.5 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 2.6 steals per game while leading the Rams to a school-record 24 victories and a No. 2 ranking in the NCAA Atlantic Region. He became the school's all-time leading scorer during the final month of the season and currently has 1,845 points entering the NCAA Tournament, his third trip in four years at Farmingdale State.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

**CARLOS VALDEZ • Mount Saint Mary College
Freshman • Forward • Slate Hill, N.Y. (Minisink Valley HS)**

Mount Saint Mary College freshman forward Carlos Valdez was selected as Skyline Conference Rookie of the Year. The rookie averaged 11.0 points and 8.3 rebounds while shooting 58.5 percent (120-for-205) from the floor. Valdez earned Skyline Conference Rookie of the Week honors four times in the final six weeks of the season. Over the final 10 games of the season, he emerged as an offensive force for the Blue Knights, averaging a team-leading 17.2 points along with 10.5 rebounds while shooting better than 65 percent.

SKYLINE CHAMPIONSHIP MVP

**CHRIS NIBLOCK • St. Joseph's College-Long Island
Senior • Center • Bayport, N.Y. (Bayport-Blue Point HS)**

St. Joseph's College senior center Chris Niblock was selected as the Most Valuable Player of the Skyline Conference Men's Basketball Championship. Niblock recorded a double-double against Farmingdale State in the championship, leading the Golden Eagles with 20 points and 11 rebounds. The 20-point performance was his second-highest of the season. With Farmingdale State leading by 10 points (40-30) early in the second half, Niblock scored 11 points during a 20-5 St. Joseph's run that put the Golden Eagles on top 50-45 with 12:38 left.

COACH OF THE YEAR

**ERIK SMILES
Farmingdale State College**

Farmingdale State College head coach Erik Smiles was selected as the Skyline Conference Coach of the Year in men's basketball after leading his squad to a 24-3 overall record, including a 17-1 mark in Skyline play. The 24 wins compiled by the Rams were a school record as was the 20-game winning streak that spanned from December 8 to February 26. Farmingdale also earned a No. 2 ranking in the NCAA Atlantic Region and secured its third NCAA Division III Tournament berth (first at-large berth) in the last four years.

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY



2008-09 ALL-SKYLINE CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAMS

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Damien Santana Sr. G Farmingdale State Brooklyn, N.Y. / Grady

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COACH OF THE YEAR

Erik Smiles, Farmingdale State College

TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Yeshiva University

FIRST TEAM

David Acree	Sr.	G	St. Joseph's-L.I.	Brentwood, N.Y. / Brentwood
Marvin Billups	So.	F	Purchase	Chester, N.Y. / Monroe-Woodbury
Mike Campbell	Jr.	F	Farmingdale State	Bronx, N.Y. / Samuel Gompers
J.J. Walsh	Sr.	F	St. Joseph's-L.I.	Brentwood, N.Y. / Brentwood
Justin White	Jr.	G	Bard	New York, N.Y. / Inst. for Collaborative Ed.

SECOND TEAM

Nick DiMaggio	Jr.	G	Mount Saint Vincent	Croton, N.Y. / Croton-Harmon
Hakiem George	Jr.	F	Old Westbury	New York, N.Y. / Life Sciences
Chris Harrison	Sr.	F	Mount Saint Mary	Baldwin, N.Y. / Holy Trinity
Martin Leibovich	Jr.	G	Yeshiva	Buenos Aires, Argentina / ORT II
Jerrell Lewis	Sr.	G	Purchase	Brooklyn, N.Y. / New Hampton Prep
Arjun Ohri	So.	G	Polytechnic	Bridgewater, N.J. / Solebury Prep