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Delta State's Devin Schmidt Highlights NCAA Division II D2CCA All-South Region Team

LAKELAND, Fla. (3/14/16) – Delta State University junior guard **Devin Schmidt** has been named the D2CCA South Region Player of the Year as the Sevierville, Tenn., native headlines the 2015-16 D2CCA All-South Region Team.

Seven of the 10 players selected, including three of the five first team honorees, helped lead their teams to the NCAA Division II South Regional Tournament that began in Huntsville, Ala.

Headlining the list of first team selections is Delta State junior guard Devin Schmidt, who was named the South Region Player of the Year. Other first team selections include Barry University senior forward **Yunio Barrueta**, Alabama-Huntsville junior forward **Seab Webster**, Saint Leo junior guard **Marcus Dewberry** and Stillman senior guard **Rodnerius Lewis**.

Schmidt averaged 25.4 points per game and capped his junior campaign with the Statesmen by earning Gulf South Conference Player of the Year honors and finished the season with 762 points and became the school's all-time leading scorer this year. He is also the school's record holder in both 3-point field goals made and attempted.

Barrueta, like Schmidt, is a repeat first team selection from last season after he earned Sunshine State Conference Player of the Week honors. The other three first team selections are all newcomers to one of the two All-Region Teams year. Barrueta and Lewis were both named the Player of the Year in their respective leagues as Barrueta earned Sunshine State Conference Player of the Year honors and Lewis was tabbed the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Year.

Selected to this year's Second-Team All-South Region Team were Shorter University junior guard **Phil Taylor**, Union University senior guard **Marterrace Brock**, Alabama-Huntsville senior guard **Greg Gardner**, West Georgia junior guard **Steph Branch** and Nova Southeastern senior guard **Chris Page**. Page fell to the second team this season after being a first team honoree in 2014-15.

Alabama-Huntsville, who is sporting a 26-7 record and is hosting this year's NCAA South Regional Tournament, was the lone team to place two players on one of the two All-Region teams.

Sports information directors from NCAA Division II South Region schools and conferences selected the two D2CCA All-South Region teams.

This year's D2CCA Men's Basketball All-America Team will be announced on Monday, March 21. The first team members from each of the country's eight regions are placed on the All-American ballot with the Division II SIDs selecting first, second and third-team All-America honorees.

The Division II Conference Commissioners Association encourages and promotes Division II athletics and high standards of sportsmanship as important elements of higher education. The CCA is a key communications link among the conferences as they discuss views, policies and regulations that impact Division II intercollegiate athletics and works closely with the NCAA as a communications channel to NCAA Division II member colleges and universities.

2015-16 D2CCA All-South Region Teams

First Team

Name, School (Position, Year, Hometown)

*Devin Schmidt, Delta State University (Guard, Junior, Sevierville, Tenn.)

*^Yunio Barrueta, Barry University (Forward, Senior, Miami, Fla.)

Seab Webster, University of Alabama at Huntsville (Guard, Junior, Gurley, Ala.)

Marcus Dewberry, Saint Leo University (Guard, Junior, Lake Wales, Fla.)

Rodnerius Lewis, Stillman College (Guard, Senior, Memphis, Tenn.)

Second Team

Phil Taylor, Shorter University (Guard, Junior, Brooklyn, N.Y.)

Marterrace Brock, Union University (Guard, Senior, Memphis, Tenn.)

Greg Gardner, University of Alabama at Huntsville (Guard, Senior, Indianapolis, Ind.)

Steph Branch, University of West Georgia (Guard, Junior, Upland, Calif.)

*Chris Page, Nova Southeastern University (Guard, Senior, Plainfield, Ind.)

**-denotes First-Team All-Region selection in 2014-15*

^-denotes Second-Team All-Region selection in 2013-14

South Region Player of the Year – Devin Schmidt, Delta State University