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NOVA SOUTHEASTERN'S SUNAHARA HEADLINES
DIVISION II CONFERENCE COMMISSIONER'S ASSOCIATION MEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-SOUTH REGION TEAM

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – Nova Southeastern junior forward RJ Sunahara (Bay Village, Ohio) is the 2022-23 Division II Conference Commissioner's Association (D2CCA) South Region Men's Basketball Player of the Year, receiving top billing on the D2CCA All-South Region Team. The squad was selected by NCAA Division II Sports Information Directors from institutions and conference offices in the South Region, made up of the Gulf South Conference, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, and Sunshine State Conference.

Sunahara is joined on the first team by NSU teammate senior guard Will Yoakum (Delaware, Ohio), sophomore guard Chaney Johnson (Alabaster, Ala.) of Alabama Huntsville, sophomore guard Jadin Booth (Omaha, Neb.) of Florida Southern, and senior guard Tylandrius Parks (Pocahontas, Tenn.) of Union (Tenn.). senior guard Michael Zabetakis (Cumming, Ga.) of West Georgia, and senior forward Shardarrion Allen (Bolton, Miss.) of West Alabama. Sunahara and Johnson repeat as first team All-Region selections.

The Sunshine State Conference Player of the Year, Sunahara is the second straight Shark to earn Region Player of the Year accolades (Sekou Sylla in 2021-22). Sunahara has led NSU to an undefeated season to this point of the year (30-0), with the Sharks claiming both the regular season and tournament titles in the SSC. The Bay Village, Ohio native is averaging 19.4 points, 5.1 rebounds, 2.4 assists, 1.7 blocks, and 1.5 steals for Jim Crutchfield's squad. Sunahara is shooting 61% from the floor and 47% from three, while reaching the 20-point plateau 14 times this year, including a 41-point outburst versus Bluefield State (Dec. 19, 2022).

Johnson, the GSC Player of the Year, averaged 15.8 points and 6.6 rebounds for the GSC regular season champion Chargers. Yoakum was close behind teammate Sunahara this season with 18.9 points and 4.5 rebounds for the top-ranked Sharks, while Booth led the SSC this season in scoring at 22.0 points per game to go along with 4.1 assists for Florida Southern. Both Yoakum and Booth were first team All-SSC selections. Parks joined Johnson on the GSC first team honor roll this year as a senior, bringing 19.4 points, 7.0 rebounds, and 4.1 assists every night for Union.

In addition to the first team, five other individuals have been recognized as second team selections. The second team All-South Region squad is comprised of Michael Zabetakis (Cumming, Ga.) of West Georgia, Shardarrion Allen (Bolton, Miss.) of West Alabama, K.J. Doucet (Austell, Ga.) of Fort Valley State, E.J. Dambreville (Dorchester, Mass.) of Florida Southern, and Sean Houpt (Danville, Ill.) of Florida Tech.

The 2022-23 D2CCA men's basketball All-America team will be announced on Friday, March 20. The members of the first team from each of the country's eight regions are placed on the national ballot with NCAA Division II Sports Information Directors selecting first, second and third-team All-America honorees. The Ron Lenz Player of the Year will also be chosen from a list comprised of the eight Regional Players of the Year.

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.

Player of the Year

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First Team

RJ Sunahara^ (Nova Southeastern)	6-8	Junior	Forward	Bay Village, Ohio
Will Yoakum (Nova Southeastern)	6-5	Senior	Guard/Forward	Delaware, Ohio
Chaney Johnson^ (Alabama Huntsville)	6-7	Sophomore	Guard	Alabaster, Ala.
Jadin Booth (Florida Southern)	6-2	Sophomore	Guard	Omaha, Neb.
Tylandrius Parks (Union)	6-5	Senior	Guard	Pocahontas, Tenn.

Second Team

Michael Zabetakis (West Georgia)	6-5	Senior	Guard	Cumming, Ga.
Shardarrion Allen (West Alabama)	6-4	Senior	Forward	Bolton, Miss.
K.J. Doucet (Fort Valley State)	6-7	Sophomore	Forward	Austell, Ga.
E.J. Dambreville (Florida Southern)	6-3	Senior	Guard	Dorchester, Mass.
Sean Houpt (Florida Tech)	6-4	Senior	Guard	Danville, Ill.

^~2021-22 first-team All-South Region Pick