Franklin Earns Top JUCO Coaching Honor From NABC

After guiding the Southeastern Illinois College Falcons to their third NJCAA National Tournament in six seasons, Falcons men’s basketball head coach Todd Franklin has been selected as the UPS Store/NABC JUCO National Coach of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

The Falcons reached the quarterfinals of the NJCAA National Tournament, and finished the 2007-08 season with a 28-8 record. The campaign marked Franklin’s tenth 20-plus win season at Southeastern. During his tenure as Falcons head coach, Franklin is 281-81 and has been named Region 24 Coach of Year from 1998-2001, 2002-04, and 2007-08.

“Winning a national award like this doesn’t happen everyday,” said Franklin. “Obviously, it is humbling because it’s one of those things you don’t expect. But like all of the other awards, it comes with having good players. This team was willing to sacrifice for us to be able to be good enough to have a chance at the end of the year. Our kids kept getting better, and that was most gratifying.”

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