

TUSCULUM

BASKETBALL

A few years ago, I took a couple of trips to NBA Training Camps. A coach that I used to work under, Scott Perry, is now the Vice President of Basketball Operations for the Detroit Pistons. He allowed me access to the Pistons' Training Camp under then coach Larry Brown. The following are some of the key ideas conveyed by those Coach Brown during camp, and how we utilize those ideas within our system at Tusculum College.

Sounds of the NBA:

The following quotes come from Larry Brown:

“I want you guys to learn to play basketball the right way. Forget about the NBA way for now, & play the right way.”



A phrase we often use is that we aren't putting in an offense or a defense, we are teaching players how to play offensively & defensively.

“In our motion game we want lay-ups & free throws.”



Motion teams fall prey to becoming arc floaters & jump shot teams. We must have a lane attack through cutting, posting, & driving.

“Get something on the weakside.”



We like a “quick change” / ball reversal to initiate our offense. The best attack opportunities come on a 3rd or 4th side offensively.

“Be ready every possession.”



The ability to concentrate supersedes all physical abilities. We must be “locked in” mentally each & every possession of the game.

“The more passes you make, the more mistakes the defense will make.”



4 PASS PATIENCE. In a recent game we scored 1.38 points per possession when we made 4+ passes on a possession. Our ability to score is a direct result of our ability to screen, cut, and pass for an extended stretch per possession.

“If we think inside first, outside will be a cinch.”



Play through, not around a defense. You do not need a dominant post player to have an inside presence. Inside movement and driving create action in the lane that demands defensive attention. Inside action naturally creates easier perimeter scoring opportunities.

“You’ve got to talk.”



A silent team is a scared team.
We are not running a covert operation.
Talk your game & talk it LOUD.

“Something I’ve figured out in this game is if all 5 players have great effort, a team can overcome a lot. Not with 3 or 4, but with all 5.”



Play so hard that effort matters. All teams give lip service to effort, but how many teams make effort a difference maker?



MEN'S BASKETBALL CLIMBS TO FIFTH IN NCAA SOUTHEAST REGION RANKINGS

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INDIANAPOLIS --- On the strength of its eight-game winning streak, the Tusculum College men's basketball team has jumped three spots and is listed fifth in this week's NCAA Division II Southeast Region rankings announced officials Wednesday.



The Pioneers (16-6, 8-3 SAC) are one of four South Atlantic Conference teams listed in this week's region poll.

The top four in the region remains the same with Georgia College & State University, Augusta State University, USC Aiken and Armstrong Atlantic State University holding their positions. Tusculum is fifth following home wins over Lincoln Memorial University (74-71) and 25th-ranked Catawba College (72-55). Catawba slipped one spot to sixth, followed by Barton College, Newberry College, Mount Olive College and Mars Hill College to round out the top 10.

Tusculum has posted a 4-2 record against the teams listed in this week's rankings.

Three automatic berths to the NCAA Tournament in March will be awarded to the tournament champions of the SAC, Peach Belt Conference and Conference Carolinas. Five at-large berths will also be awarded for the Southeast Regional.

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NCAA II Southeast Region Men's Basketball Rankings

Rk.	Team	Prv.
1	<i>Georgia College & State</i>	1
2	<i>Augusta State</i>	2
3	<i>USC Aiken</i>	3
4	<i>Armstrong Atlantic State</i>	4
5	TUSCULUM	8
6	<i>Catawba</i>	5
7	<i>Barton</i>	6
8	<i>Newberry</i>	7
9	<i>Mount Olive</i>	NR
10	<i>Mars Hill</i>	NR

Tusculum Opponents in Italics

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Coach Jim Boone's

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COMMIT TO DEFENSE



“It’s not overwhelmingly difficult for a committed group of players with only average basketball skills to put together a very good TEAM DEFENSE. Many good defensive teams are far better than the sum of their parts. Certainly each player must decide that he is going to improve as an individual defender as the season progresses to help accomplish this, but he must also make a commitment to the team that he is going to do his part within the system to help his teammates.”

. Del Harris, Longtime NBA Coach



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