

## **Washington's Thompson Named DIII News Player of the Year**

BEAVERTON, Ore. – Washington University (Mo.) senior guard Aaron Thompson has been named the 2009 DIII News Preseason Player of the Year. The announcement was made in the publication's special Preseason Preview issue, which was released earlier today.

Thompson, a DIII News All-American last season as a junior, averaged 18 points a game for the national champion Bears. He was the University Athletic Association Player of the Year last season.

“As the reigning MVP of the toughest Division III league in the country, Aaron has shown he is one of the top players in the country,” said DIII News editor Gary Rubin. “He is expected to have another outstanding year and is most deserving of this award.”

Thompson heads the publication's Top 24 All-Americans that features three players from each of the eight regions. Sean Wallis was also named a Top 24 selection.

DIII News, founded in 1993, is the leading publication covering Division III basketball. It is published by GSR Communications based in Beaverton, Ore.

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