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### **Flames Win 20 Basketball Games**

NASHVILLE, TN—The Free Will Baptist Bible College Flames basketball team ended their 20<sup>th</sup> season in school history with a 20-9 overall record in 2005-2006, according to Athletic Director Mike Phillips who, until recently, doubled as basketball coach. “This was only the third time in team history that a Flames team won 20 or more games,” Phillips said.

The 20-win team was led by four seniors: Matt Dunlap, Jamie Futrell, Joseph Hall, and Heath Hubbard (who played four years in a Flames uniform). Highlights of the year included winning all three games in the North/South Shootout Tournament in Florida, winning the Warren Wilson Tournament, and defeating both the third-ranked team in the nation (Kentucky Christian University) and the seventh-ranked team in the nation (Cincinnati Christian University).

The Flames also recorded outstanding individual achievements. Senior point guard Matt Dunlap scored his 1,000<sup>th</sup> career point. Sophomore center Chris Dobbs was named Warren Wilson Tournament MVP, and along with sophomore guard Jonathan Sawyer was named to the All-Tournament team.

Sophomore shooting guard Caleb Ferguson earned a place in history as he led the nation in three-point field goal shooting percentage (49.1%). He is now the Flames' all-time leader in three-point field goal shooting percentage. Three players were named to the NCCAA Mid-East All-Regional Second Team: Senior Matt Dunlap, Senior Jamie Futrell, and Sophomore Chris Dobbs.

The FWBBC Athletics Department held its annual awards banquet April 22, 2006, where five players came away with individual awards. Matt Dunlap was named

“Offensive Player of the Year,” Senior Jamie Futrell “Defensive Player of the Year,” and Sophomore Caleb Ferguson “Most Improved Player of the Year.”

Senior Heath Hubbard won the “Matt Fouch Award” which is given to the student/athlete displaying the most hustle and hard work throughout the year.

The prestigious “Robert E. Picirilli Award” was presented to Senior Joseph Hall, the first time since 2002 that the award has been presented to a student. To win the award, a student/athlete must meet several criteria, including not only athletic achievement but academic quality and spiritual leadership on and off the court.

The Athletics Department thanks FWBBC students, faculty, and staff, and Flames’ fans across the country who supported the team all year.

Photo Identification:

Back Row: (L-R) Head Coach Mike Phillips, Cody Truett, Clint Adams, Chris Dobbs, Jamie Futrell, Ricky Hogue, Damien Horne, Assistant Coach Mike Shepard.

Front Row: (L-R) Caleb Ferguson, Jonathan Sawyer, Heath Hubbard, Matt Dunlap, Joseph Hall, Hughes Jeannott.