

RICHLAND COLLEGE THUNDERDUCKS ***NEWS RELEASE***

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THUNDERDUCKS BASKETBALL

For the second time in less than a week, the Thunderducks will face the Eastfield College Harvesters, this time in the semi-finals of the UPS Metro Athletic Conference post-season tournament.

The Thunderducks finished the regular season as MAC champs with a 9-1 conference record and a 23-6 overall record, including an unbelievable 13-0 home record this season.

Sophomore ***Lewis Lee*** led the way for Richland all season, averaging 18.5 points and 8.6 rebounds per game. Fellow sophomores ***Phillip Howard*** and ***Marquis Hamlett*** were impressive this season, with Howard averaging 5.8 rebounds per game and Hamlett shooting a fantastic 38.2 % from three-point range. Hamlett also averaged 10.4 points per game.

Freshman sensation ***Nick Morey***, who caught the eye of head coach Chuck Taylor while playing intramural basketball in the fall, finished the spring leading the Thunderducks with a 9.4 rebounds per game average. Morey also averaged a block per game in 14 games.

Sophomores ***Reggie Jacquett Jr.*** and ***Will Bullard*** rounded out the list of four Thunderducks who averaged double-digit points per game, with Jacquett averaging 10.2 and Bullard averaging 10.6 points per game. Sophomore ***LeVar Lewis*** was second on the team with 183 rebounds, for a 6.5 rebounds per game average.

Tip-off for the Thunderducks semi-final game against Eastfield College is scheduled for 8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, in Guadalupe Hall on the Richland College campus. Prior to the Thunderducks match-up with the Harvesters, Cedar Valley College and North Lake College will face off in the first semi-final.

The winner of the UPS MAC tournament will head to Delhi, N.Y. for the NJCAA Div. III National Basketball Tournament, March 16-18.