

MEN'S BASKETBALL

- UMBC won its first America East Men's Basketball Championship with an 82-65 win over Hartford before a sellout crowd of 3,810 at RAC Arena and a national television audience on ESPN2. The Retrievers won a school-record 24 games and appeared in the NCAA Division I Championship for the first time.
- Vermont's Marqus Blakely became only the fifth sophomore in conference history to earn the Kevin Roberson America East Player of the Year award. Blakely, who led America East in scoring (19.0 ppg) and was fifth in the nation in rebounding (11.0 rpg), was an AP All-America honorable mention selection.
- UMBC point guard Jay Greene was second in the nation in assist to turnover ratio (3.47) and fourth in assists (7.2 apg).
- UMBC head coach Randy Monroe was one of 10 finalists for the Hugh Durham award, given to the nation's top Mid-Major coach. Monroe was rewarded with a six-year contract extension following the season.
- UMBC, Hartford and Vermont all had attendance increases from 2006-07 while Binghamton (3,547) and Albany (3,031) continued to lead the way in average attendance.
- Albany was chosen to host the 2009 America East Men's Basketball Championship at SEFCU Arena.

ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Kevin Roberson Player of the Year: Marqus Blakely, Vermont

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Rookie of the Year: John Holland, Boston University

Coach of the Year: Randy Monroe, UMBC

Scholar-Athlete: Brian Lillis, Albany



2008 CHAMPIONS: UMBC RETRIEVERS