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MASSBAY MEN'S BASKETBALL WINS NHTI TAP-OFF TOURNAMENT

Buccaneers stand at perfect 4-0 on young season

Concord, N.H. – Massachusetts Bay Community College (MassBay) improved to a perfect 4-0 on the young basketball season with a pair of wins at the NHTI's Tap-Off Men's Basketball Tournament this past weekend. The Buccaneers rolled over Eastern Maine Community College, 104-62, in the first round. They then handed the hosts their first loss, winning the championship game, 58-54.

MassBay (4-0) topped NHTI (2-1) in the men's championship game, 58-54, behind 18 points and five rebounds from **Jamal Swanson (Arlington, Mass.)**, **Deshawn Gibbons (Boston, Mass.)** added 12 points and three assists while **Brendan Morais (Framingham, Mass.)** chipped in with 12 points.

MassBay captured the crown for the first time in the last three years. The Buccaneers had played in the championship game of the NHTI Tap-Off Tourney in both 2006 and 2007, losing by short numbers each time. This year, they returned to Wellesley Hills with the championship plaque.

In the opening round of the tournament, MassBay rolled over Eastern Maine Community College, 104-62. Swanson led the team with 19 points and eight rebounds. Gibbons added 18 points, eight rebounds, and three assists while **Paul Rose (Boston, Mass.)** collected 15 points and seven rebounds.

Gibbons and Swanson were named to the all-tournament team for their two-game performances. Swanson, who collected 37 points and 13 rebounds in two games, was named MVP of the 2008 NHTI Tap-Off Tourney.

MassBay will next host Springfield Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at the Framingham Gymnasium on MassBay's campus. This year, MassBay will host top-ranked Sullivan Community College from New York at 7:00 p.m. November 28. MassBay will also host eighth-ranked Springfield (November 15) and honorable mention Gateway (December 6). MassBay will travel to 11th-ranked Nassau (Jan. 8).

The Buccaneers host Alumni Day on Saturday, December 6, honoring past players and supporters of the program before the 3:00 p.m. tip-off against Gateway. When MassBay hosts Holyoke at 1:00 p.m. January 17, the game will celebrate Summer Camp Day.

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For more information on the MassBay men's basketball program or any of the other eight intercollegiate teams at the school, visit www.massbay.edu

About MassBay Community College

Massachusetts Bay Community College (MassBay) is an open-access, accredited two-year public educational institution. The College grants associate degrees and certificates in a range of disciplines through its five divisions of academics: the Division of Health Sciences; the Division of Humanities; the Division of Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (S.T.E.M.); the Division of Social Sciences & Professional Studies; and the Division of Transportation & Energy. Offering over 60 academic programs, MassBay serves Boston and the MetroWest communities with locations in Wellesley Hills, Framingham and Ashland (Automotive Technology Center).

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