

# Margenthaler Finalist for National Coach of the Year

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Minnesota State's Matt Margenthaler is a finalist for the Clarence "Big House" Gaines Award as the Division II National Coach of the Year

**Mankato, Minn.** -- Minnesota State's **Matt Margenthaler** has been selected as a finalist for the *2013 Clarence "Big House" Gaines National Coach of the Year Award*.

Margenthaler, who was named the NABC Central District Coach of the Year and the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Coach of the Year, guided Minnesota State to a 28-5 record, a 21-win improvement from the previous season. The Mavericks won the 2012-13 NSIC regular season championship and the NSIC Tournament championship. MSU also hosted its third NCAA Central Region Tournament in the last four seasons and led the NSIC in a number of categories including scoring offense (79.4 ppg), scoring margin (+12.5), field goal percentage (.497), assists (14.94 apg) and offensive rebounds (12.30 rpg).

The other candidates for this year's NCAA Division II coach of the award are listed [HERE](#).

The 2013 award will be presented on April 5 at the Collegen Insider.com awards banquet in Atlanta, site of the men's NCAA Basketball Championship.