

1st Round: GSLAD vs. Lincoln "A" - GSLAD: 73, Lincoln A: 58

GSLAD began the tourney as the #2 seed having finished 2nd last year to Denver SAC at the 2007 MAAD Tourney. GSLAD drew its first opponent, Lincoln A in the first round. Behind the strong inside play of Woodside, Ortiz, Wyatt, and Grote, GSLAD was able to prevail against a young and gritty Lincoln team. GSLAD got off to a bad start in quickly getting behind 14-4 in the first half. GSLAD managed to climb back winning the game by double digits. Schmidt assisted with his defense.

2nd Round: Semi-Finals - GSLAD vs. Sioux Falls, SD (host team) - GSLAD: 76, Sioux Falls A: 60

SFAD lacking in height, made up for it by having the advantage of being the home (host) team. Down 10-0 in the first 10 minutes, Coach Foster called a time-out allowing the team to regroup. Fans were very supportive of the SFAD team hoping to beat a formidable GSLAD team. Leading by 8 at halftime, GSLAD was able to take advantage of its guard play in winning the game by double digits. Luke Ross led all scorers with 24 points, shooting 60% from the field and almost 80% from three-point range, having made 4-of-5 three pointers. GSLAD's forwards Love, Miles, Harris, and Woodside were able to shut down SFAD's inside threat. Wyatt contributed with his athleticism and defensive play.

3rd Round: MAAD Championship Game - GSLAD vs. Denver SAC (defending 2007 MAAD Champion) - GSLAD: 64, Denver: 61

Denver was absolutely a formidable opponent, stacked with hordes of talent - led by Robbie Simms, one of the league's most talented guards. Robbie singlehandedly led Denver to victory over GSLAD in last year's MAAD Championship. GSLAD was off to a challenging start with Denver coming out of the gates early and establishing a 14 point lead halfway through the first half. After coming back and being down by 8 points at halftime, GSLAD quickly adjusted offensive and defensive strategy at halftime, successfully shutting down Denver's offense machine. Denver was scoring an average of 40+ points per half in the tourney against Minnesota A and Kansas City in the 1st and 2nd rounds. After the first half, GSLAD only allowed Denver SAC 16 points in the second half - a true testament to GSLAD's superb defensive stance. Denver had scored nearly 175 points in their last two games prior to facing GSLAD. Harris is credited with his persistent "D" inside while Grote provided offensive power.

Down by 8 with 7 minutes to go, GSLAD led an onslaught of 3-pointers by Wyatt and Ross putting the team just 1 point behind with 2 minutes to go. After trading several baskets putting the score at 58-59 in favor of Denver, Love made a baseline jumpshot putting GSLAD up by 1. On the ensuing possession upon a miss by Denver against GSLAD's stingy defense, Love passed the ball inside to Woodside who then created an easy layup allowing the team to lead by 3. Denver called a timeout with 13 seconds left. With 2 seconds to go, Denver's three-point attempt fell short giving GSLAD their 3rd championship in 63 years.

Awards and notables:

2008 MAAD Tourney MVP: Chris Woodside (GSLAD)

2008 MAAD Tourney Coach of Year: Stephen Foster (GSLAD)

2008 MAAD Tourney All-Stars: Robert Love(GSLAD), Ronald Wyatt (GSLAD)

Team Roster

| Player: | Position: | Jersey #: | Age: | Height: | High School (State) |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Ronald Wyatt | G/F | 30 | 30 | 6'1" | North Tech High School (MO) |
| Eric Grote | C | 45 | 45 | 6'9" | Livingston High School (IL) |
| Ben Harris | F/C | 1 | 28 | 6'5" | Iowa School/Deaf (IA) |
| Steven Schmidt | G/F | 4 | 41 | 5'11" | Montgomery Co. H.S. (MO) |
| Chris Woodside | F | 42 | 35 | 6'4" | Illinois School/Deaf (IL) |
| Robert Love | F/G | 52 | 33 | 6'3" | Illinois School/Deaf (IL) |
| Luke Ross | G | 23 | 22 | 6'0" | Francis Howell North (MO) |
| Kevin Miles | G | 10 | 29 | 5'10" | Missouri School/Deaf (MO) |

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|----------------|---------|-----|----|------|---------------------------|
| Karl Ortiz | F | 34 | 29 | 6'0" | Missouri School/Deaf (MO) |
| Aaron Lawry | G | 13 | 27 | 5'9" | Illinois School/Deaf (IL) |
| Stephen Foster | (coach) | n/a | 34 | 6'0" | DeSales High School (KY) |

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| Player | FG | 3P | FT | Reb | Ast | Pts |
|----------------|----|----|-------|-----|-----|-----|
| Chris Woodside | 4 | 0 | 4-6 | 4 | 3 | 12 |
| Robert Love | 6 | 1 | 2-5 | 8 | 1 | 15 |
| Eric Grote | 5 | 0 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| Ron Wyatt | 5 | 1 | 5-9 | 5 | 2 | 16 |
| Luke Ross | 4 | 1 | 1-2 | 0 | 3 | 10 |
| Steven Schmidt | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Karl Ortiz | 0 | 0 | 0-1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Ben Harris | 1 | 0 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Kevin Miles | 3 | 1 | 1-2 | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| Aaron Lawry | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 28 | 4 | 13-25 | 21 | 15 | 73 |

3/15/2008 GSLAD: 76, Sioux Falls A: 60

| Player | FG | 3P | FT | Reb | Ast | Pts |
|----------------|----|----|-------|-----|-----|-----|
| Chris Woodside | 4 | 0 | 7-8 | 6 | 0 | 15 |
| Robert Love | 3 | 0 | 4-7 | 7 | 0 | 10 |
| Eric Grote | 2 | 0 | 0-0 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Ron Wyatt | 5 | 0 | 7-11 | 8 | 0 | 17 |
| Luke Ross | 10 | 4 | 0-1 | 1 | 0 | 24 |
| Steven Schmidt | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Karl Ortiz | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Ben Harris | 1 | 0 | 0-0 | 8 | 0 | 2 |
| Kevin Miles | 0 | 0 | 1-2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Aaron Lawry | 1 | 0 | 1-2 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| TOTALS | 26 | 4 | 20-31 | 36 | 0 | 76 |

3/15/2008 GSLAD: 64, Denver: 61

| Player | FG | 3P | FT | Reb | Ast | Pts |
|----------------|----|----|-------|-----|-----|-----|
| Chris Woodside | 5 | 0 | 4-7 | 2 | 0 | 14 |
| Robert Love | 4 | 0 | 3-8 | 4 | 1 | 11 |
| Eric Grote | 3 | 0 | 0-0 | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Ron Wyatt | 6 | 2 | 3-5 | 3 | 2 | 17 |
| Luke Ross | 3 | 2 | 2-2 | 0 | 4 | 10 |
| Ben Harris | 1 | 0 | 1-2 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Kevin Miles | 1 | 1 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| TOTALS | 23 | 5 | 13-24 | 12 | 10 | 64 |