



1973 Saint Mary's Men's Basketball Huskies

Saint Mary's can boast of many athletic successes over the last quarter century, but none more historic, exciting or dramatic than that of the 1972-73 National Basketball Championship Huskies. This team, under young coach Brian Heaney, was not regarded as a factor in the CIAU pre-season, but rather a collection of eager but inexperienced players destined for development status.

The Huskies broke from the gate quickly that season compiling a 7-1 record by Christmas, then winning 15 of their last 17 games for a season total of 22 wins. In their final 11 games, the Huskies averaged an incredible 86 points a game. During that stretch, they unseated Acadia Axemen as AIAA conference champions; knocked off Windsor Lancers 91-84 in CIAU semifinal overtime; then defeated Lakehead 79-67 to give Saint Mary's its first ever national championship.

An incredible accomplishment for coach Heaney, players Mickey Fox, Don Gallagher, John Gallinaugh, Peter Halpin, Bob Toboski, Lee Thomas, Brian Burgess, Art Waters, Otha Johnson, Fred Perry, Greig Redding, and managers, Terry O'Neill, John Landry and Peter MacAllister.