

BASKETBALL

# 'Money Mitch' repays the faith

COLLEGE STAR IN TOP AWARD

Jacob Grams

FORMER Genesis Christian College student Mitchell McCarron is on the way up to a professional career in Australia or Europe after being named player of the year for the 2014-15 US college basketball Division 2 season.

Known as "Money Mitch" at Metro State University in Denver, McCarron said he had been "swamped" with support since accepting the award, which is voted on by competition coaches, following on from All-American first team and NCAA Division 2 All-Star honours in his final year at college.

"Coaches aren't always able to watch a whole heap of film on players' games, so these types of awards help to validate the player's level of skill or ability," he said.

"I was actually really shocked. There are just so many good players across the country."

## PLAYER PROFILE

**Name:** Mitch McCarron  
**Origin:** Genesis Christian College  
**US College:** Metro State University, Denver  
**Position:** Guard  
**Season average:** 20.4ppg

McCarron said he would be patient in weighing up professional opportunities in Europe or at home in the National Basketball League (NBL).

"I would love to play professionally. I'm not sure where that will be at the moment. I think it would be a great opportunity to play in the NBL," he said.

The 22-year-old said one thing was for certain - he would be back to represent the Northside Wizards in the Queensland Basketball League this season.

McCarron will head to the AIS in June to vie for a spot on Australia's World University Games team.



Mitchell McCarron in his first college season.

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