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Kentucky's DeMoss Elected Vice President of WBCA

ATLANTA, Ga. (June 24, 2003) -- University of Kentucky head women's basketball coach, Mickie DeMoss, has been elected as the 19th President of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) by the organization's active membership, WBCA CEO, Beth Bass reported. DeMoss' six-year term on the WBCA Executive Committee begins September 1, 2003. She will serve as vice president for two years (2003-2005), followed by a two-year term as WBCA President (2005-2007), and will conclude her term on the Executive Committee as Past President (2007-09), in accordance with WBCA organizational by-laws. As vice president, DeMoss will maintain leadership continuity by performing the duties of the board president in their absence. Prior to being elected as vice president, DeMoss served on the WBCA Board of Directors as a representative of the Assistant Coaches Committee.

After serving 18 years as the Tennessee Lady Vols top assistant, Mickie DeMoss has stepped into the role of head coach of the Kentucky women's basketball team.

DeMoss has 26 years of collegiate coaching experience that began in 1977 as an assistant at Memphis State. After receiving her master's degree in education, she went on to become the first full-time coach for women's basketball at Florida from 1979-83. She compiled a 45-68 overall record with the Lady Gators before leaving to join the nationally ranked Auburn Tigers under the direction of Joe Ciampi.

Two years later, DeMoss was hired by Pat Summitt as the top assistant at Tennessee and has become one of the most highly visible assistant coaches in the game. Under DeMoss' tutelage, the Lady Volunteers have compiled an impressive 549-76 (.878) record, an unprecedented six NCAA Women's championship titles and 12 Women's Final Four appearances.

"It is an honor to be given the opportunity to serve the game in this capacity," said DeMoss. "I am elated about my tenure and working toward promoting our sport."

"Coach DeMoss will be an awesome addition to our leadership," stated WBCA President and Old Dominion head women's basketball coach, Wendy Larry. "We are honored to have a coach of her caliber on our team."

Founded in 1981, the 5,000-member WBCA promotes women's basketball by unifying coaches at all levels to develop a reputable identity for the sport and to foster the development of the game in all of its aspects as an amateur sport for women and girls.