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Texas Christian University's Sandora Irvin Named WBCA National Player of the Month

ATLANTA, Ga. (January 10, 2005) -- Texas Christian University senior forward Sandora Irvin has been named the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) National Player of the Month for December.

In the month of December, Irvin averaged 23.4 points, 13.3 rebounds, 2.9 steals and 3.4 blocks in seven games. She led the Conference USA in scoring (21.6 ppg) and rebounding (13.3 rpg), while surpassing the Conference USA rebound record of 1,167 against the Southern Lady Eagles with a new record of 1,175. Abbie Willenborg of Marquette (1996-00) formerly held the record.

To add to her growing lists of accomplishments, Irvin also leads the Conference USA in blocked shots (3.50 bpg) and defensive rebounds (8.43 drpg). As of January 10, Irvin has 386 blocks and needs only 42 more to tie the NCAA career-record. In addition, Irvin helped her team in upsets over No. 3 Georgia and No. 13 Michigan State in the Wahine Rainbow Classic at the University of Hawaii. She was named MVP of the tournament.

Irvin ended last season with 15 consecutive double-doubles and had 23 overall. She set TCU single-season records for points (504), rebounds (366) and field goals made (195). She also ended last season as the only Lady Frog to ever average a double-double with 16.8 points and 12.2 rebounds. She was the Lady Frog leader in points, rebounds, blocks and minutes and the first TCU player to garner All-America praise by earning honorable mention from Kodak/WBCA and the Associated Press.

Also nominated: Monique Currie, Duke University (Atlantic Coast Conference); Courtney Boynton, Lipscomb University (Atlantic Sun); Katie Flavin, University of Richmond (Atlantic 10); Julie Gjertsen, Weber State University (Big Sky); Janel McCarville, University of Minnesota (Big Ten); Sophia Young, Baylor University (Big Twelve); Ofa Tulikihifo, Cal State University - Northridge (Big West); Shareese Grant, Old Dominion University (Colonial Athletic Association); Ryan Coleman, Eastern Michigan University (Mid-American Conference); Liesel Harry, Coppin State College (Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference); Jenni Lingor, Southwest Missouri State University (Missouri Valley Conference); Kim Smith, University of Utah (Mountain West Conference); Tatiana Conceicao, Southeast Missouri State University (Ohio Valley Conference); Dee Dee Wheeler, University of Arizona (Pacific-10); Emily Braseth, Colgate University (Patriot League); Tifanni Mayes, East Tennessee State University (Southern Conference); LaToya Mills, Stephen F. Austin State University (Southland Conference); Amber Jackson, San Jose State University (Western Athletic Conference).

*WBCA National Player of the Month honors is based on achievements during respective month for nomination and game-by-game statistics. All nominations must come from the conference office and the player's head coach must be a member of the WBCA.