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## Ohio State's Jessica Davenport Named WBCA National Player of the Month

ATLANTA, Ga. (February 8, 2005) -- Ohio State University's sophomore center Jessica Davenport has been named the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) National Player of the Month for January.

In the month of January, Davenport averaged 19.8 points, 8.7 rebounds and shot .579 (77-133) from the field in ten games. On January 2, she posted a double-double (24 points, 12 rebounds) against Purdue and on January 27, Davenport posted a career-high 36 points at Wisconsin. She followed with 32 points and 14 rebounds at Illinois on January 30. In games against Wisconsin and Illinois, Davenport was 30-of-41 from the field (.732). For her outstanding play, she garnered Big Ten Player of the Week honors three times in the month of January.

In her first season as a Buckeye, Davenport was named 2004 Big Ten Freshman of the year. She led the Big Ten in shooting percentage and block shots as a rookie, eventually breaking the Lady Buckeye's blocks record for a single season with 80. The Ohio State University Scholar-Athlete (athlete who maintained a 3.0 or above GPA through winter quarter) led the Big Ten with a .625 shooting percentage (150-240) from the field and 2.58 blocked shots per game. She also marked the perfect game in Lady Buckeye history (when attempting at least 10 shots) with a flawless 10-for-10 shooting percentage vs. West Virginia in first round NCAA action. That performance of 10-for-10 tied the NCAA First and Second-Round record.

December's Player of the Month was Sandora Irvin, Texas Christian University (Conference USA).

Also nominated: Monique Currie, Duke University (Atlantic Coast); Patechia Hartman, Georgia State University (Atlantic Sun); Candice Dupree, Temple University (Atlantic 10); Jessalyn Deveny, Boston College (BIG EAST); Kati Burrows, Montana State University (Big Sky); Taryn Causey, Radford University (Big South); Kendra Wecker, Kansas State University (Big Twelve); Tiara Malcom, University of Delaware (Colonial Athletic Association); Sandora Irvin, Texas Christian University (Conference USA); Tiffany Mor, University of Wisconsin - Green Bay (Horizon League); Reka Cserny, Harvard University (Ivy League); Fifi Camara, Marist College (Metro Atlantic Athletic); Kate Endress, Ball State University (Mid-American); Zane Teilane, Western Illinois (Mid-Continent); Toia Johnson, Norfolk State University (Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference); Jenni Lingor, Southwest Missouri State University (Missouri Valley); Shona Thorburn, University of Utah (Mountain West); Tatiana Conceicao, Southeast Missouri State (Ohio Valley); Candice Wiggins, Stanford University (Pacific-10); Cara Enright, United States Military Academy (Patriot League); Tasha Humphrey, University of

Georgia (Southeastern); Tiffani Mayes, East Tennessee State University (Southern); Terra Wallace, University of Texas – Arlington (Southland); Crystal Kitt, Alabama State University (Southwestern Athletic); Milena Tomova, Florida International University (Sun Belt); Jillian Robbins, University of Tulsa (Western Athletic).

\*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.