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Rutger's Cappie Pondexter Earns WBCA National Players of the Month

ATLANTA, Ga. (February 8, 2006) -- Cappie Pondexter of Rutgers University has been named the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) National Player of the Month for January.

Pondexter posted averages of 22.9 points per game and averaged 37.5 minutes on the floor through the month of January. She ranks second in the nation in scoring and leads the BIG EAST, while also ranking sixth in the conference for shooting percentage with 54 percent. During January alone, Pondexter was named the BIG EAST Player of the Week twice (Jan. 2 and 19).

Showing her triple-threat abilities, this fifth-year senior averages nearly four rebounds, blocks and assists, helping the Scarlet Knights to hold opponents to 53.4 points per game, first in the conference. Pondexter also dishes out an average of two assists per game.

Named as a pre-season candidate for The State Farm Wade Trophy Player of the Year for the 2005-2006 season, Pondexter ended last season on a high note ranking first in the NCAA Tournament in scoring with 24 points per game and sixth in three-point field-goal percentage at 57.9 percent. During 2004-2005, Pondexter was a pre-season candidate for The State Farm Wade Trophy and was selected as an honorable mention for the Kodak/WBCA All-America Team.

Also nominated: Danielle Hood, Hartford (America East); Crystal Langhorne, Maryland (Atlantic Coast); Tara Boothe, Xavier (Atlantic 10); Courtney Paris, Oklahoma (Big 12); Alyssa Wahl, Northern Arizona (Big Sky); Katie O'dell, High Point (Big South); Jessica Davenport, Ohio State (Big Ten); Carolina Ruiz, Pacific (Big West); Kyra Kaylor, William and Mary (Colonial Athletic); Jillian Robbins, Univ. of Tulsa (Conference USA); Traci Edwards, UW-Milwaukee (Horizon League); Meagan Cowher, Princeton Univ. (Ivy League); Fifi Camara, Marist College (Metro Atlantic); Lindsay Shearer, Kent State (Mid-American); Zane Teilane, Western Illinois (Mid-Continent); Sherrie Tucker, Coppin State (Mid-Eastern); Melanie Boeglin, Indiana State (Missouri Valley); Ambrosia Anderson, Brigham Young (Mountain West); Emily Christian, Tennessee Tech (Ohio Valley); Candice Wiggins, Stanford (Pacific-10); Jenny Callan, Lehigh Univ. (Patriot League); Tasha Humphrey, Georgia (Southeastern); Kitara McMoore, Elon (Southern); Terra Wallace, Univ. of Texas at Arlington (Southland); Monica Okolo, Texas Southern (Southwestern); Crystal Kelly, Western Kentucky (Sun Belt); Ashley Anderson, Gonzaga (West Coast); Lamisha Augustine, San Jose State (Western Athletic).

*WBCA National Player of the Month is based on achievements during the respective

month for nomination. All nominations must come from the conference office and the player's head coach must be a member of the WBCA.