



PRESS RELEASE

North Carolina's Ivory Latta Named February WBCA National Player of the Month

ATLANTA, Ga. (March 7, 2006) --The University of North Carolina's standout guard, Ivory Latta, has been named the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) National Player of the Month for February.

Latta boasted averages of 22.0 points per game in seven February games to lead the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC), while scoring at least 18 points in every game. She also averaged 4.4 assists per game and 2.6 steals per game. She was named ACC Player of the Month twice in February (Feb. 6 and Feb. 27).

Latta's energy, enthusiasm and poise helped lead the Tar Heels to a number one ranking in the *USA TODAY* ESPN Division I Top 25 Coaches' Poll. Most recently, Latta was named the ACC Player of the Year. She also garnered honors as the ACC Tournament Most Valuable Player after leading North Carolina to win the ACC Championship over Maryland with 26 points. This is her second straight year earning MVP accolades.

Latta, a pre-season candidate for The State Farm Wade Trophy Player of the Year for the 2005-2006 season, serves as a team captain for the Tar Heels and ranks among the ACC's all-time leaders in career three-pointers, three-point percentage and free throw percentage. She was a regional finalist for the 2005 Kodak/WBCA All-America Team as well as the 2005 WBCA National Player of the Month for March.

Also nominated: Sharri Rohde, Univ. of Maryland - Baltimore Co. (America East); Alysha Clark, Belmont (Atlantic Sun); Tara Boothe, Xavier (Atlantic 10); Sophia Young, Baylor (Big 12); Cappie Pondexter, Rutgers (Big East); Natalie Doma, Idaho State (Big Sky); Jayme Connors, Long Beach (Big West); Kyra Kaylor, William and Mary (Colonial Athletic); Lauren Neaves, Rice Univ. (Conference USA); Sarah Hayes, Brown Univ. (Ivy League); Lindsay Shearer, Kent State (Mid-American); Elisha Turek, Oral Roberts (Mid-Continent); Toni Kennedy, Univ. of Maryland - Eastern Shore (Mid-Eastern); Melanie Boeglin, Indiana State (Missouri Valley); Kim Smith, Utah (Mountain West); Emily Christian, Tennessee Tech (Ohio Valley); Noelle Quinn, UCLA (Pacific-10); Kaitlin Foley, Holy Cross (Patriot League); Seimone Augustus, LSU (Southeastern); Katasha Brown, Univ. of Tenn. - Chattanooga (Southern); Tamara Thompson, Texas State (Southland); Chrissy Givens, Middle Tennessee (Sun Belt); Stephanie Hawk, Gonzaga (West Coast); Aarica Ray Boyd, Louisiana Tech (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.

