



PRESS RELEASE

## Goestenors Garners Coach of the Year Honor

ATLANTA, Ga. (March 22, 2007) -- The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) has selected Gail Goestenors of Duke University as the 2007 Russell Athletic/WBCA National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Coach of the Year. This year marks the 25th year that this accolade has been presented, which has been selected by the WBCA since 1983.

"Gail Goestenors has earned her keep amongst such a wonderful group of coaches at the NCAA Division I level," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "I would like to congratulate Gail for being named the 2007 Russell Athletic/WBCA National NCAA Division I Coach of the Year."

In 15 years at Duke University, Gail Goestenors has escorted the Blue Devils from relative obscurity to national prominence. Goestenors has accomplished feats that no other women's basketball coach in school history has been able to achieve. She tallied a 396-98 record and is on pace to become the quickest ACC coach to register 400 wins. Goestenors has guided the Blue Devils to four NCAA Women's Final Four appearances over the last eight years and five ACC Tournament crowns.

Goestenors has done one of her best coaching jobs of her career in 2006-2007 as the Blue Devils are ranked Number 1 nationally in the USA TODAY ESPN Top 25 Coaches' Poll with a spotless regular season record. Duke became the first ACC team and only the 14th in NCAA history to finish the regular season undefeated. She also led Duke to its seventh straight 30-win season, an unprecedented mark and NCAA record. Gail has also received WBCA Coach of the Year accolades in 2003 and last year was named the recipient of the Carol Eckman Award.

"Russell Athletic is proud to support the winners of the WBCA Coach of the Year Awards. Just like these individuals, for those who have what it takes on the inside, Russell has what it takes on the outside," said Chris Passarell, Senior Director of Marketing, Russell Athletic.

Goestenors is one of six Russell Athletic/WBCA National Coaches of the Year selected, which also names winners for each of the other four WBCA collegiate divisions (NCAA Divisions II and III, NAIA and JC/CC) as well as High School. The winner is selected through a two-level process. The first level is by region, in which coaches from each WBCA geographical region vote for their respective top coach. Goestenors, having received the most votes in WBCA Region 2, advanced as a finalist to the national level of the selection process along with the other seven Regional Coaches of the Year in NCAA Division I.

The WBCA would also like to recognize the following regional Division I Coaches of the Year:

Region	Coach	Institution
1	Geno Auriemma	University of Connecticut
3	Pat Summitt	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
4	Curt Miller	Bowling Green State University
5	Rick Insell	Middle Tennessee State University
6	Sharon Versyp	Purdue University
7	Gordy Presnell	Boise State University
8	Tara VanDerveer	Stanford University

Goesten Kors and the national winners from the other five divisions will be honored at the Russell Athletic/WBCA National Coach of the Year Luncheon presented by AstraZeneca on Monday, April 2, 2007, at 12:00 p.m. (ET) in the Crowne Plaza's Grand Ballroom. The luncheon is part of the 2007 WBCA National Convention, held in conjunction with the NCAA® Women's Final Four® in Cleveland, Ohio.

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