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CP3 Rocks, Rolls in Women's Basketball Top Honor

ATLANTA, Ga. (March 31, 2007) -- The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) announced today that the University of Tennessee's sophomore Candace Parker has been named The State Farm Wade Trophy Player of the Year for the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I. The WBCA presents this award annually to the top player in NCAA Division I.

"Candace Parker has been one of the most-touted collegiate players on the hardwood this season," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "Candace is an exceptional representative for Lily Margaret Wade, the WBCA and The State Farm Wade Trophy, and we are pleased to present her with this well-deserved honor."

Parker becomes the second Tennessee women's basketball player to receive the award. She succeeds fellow Lady Vol and 1991 Wade Trophy recipient Daedra Charles-Furlow.

Parker's dynamic play has led the Lady Vols to their 17th Final Four and a 32-3 overall record. The 6'4 Naperville, Illinois native's relentless, majestic and versatile playing ability has her listed in the upper echelon of the best in women's basketball.

Parker is the fastest UT player to capture 1,000 career points. The Southeastern Conference (SEC) Player of the Year is averaging close to 20 points, 10 rebounds, three blocks and two steals per game.

Parker's 2006-2007 accomplishments include: John R. Wooden All-American, Associated Press All-American, and ALL-SEC honors. Parker's success does not stop on the court, but continues in the classroom as she was named to three All-Academic teams.

"Congratulations to State Farm Wade Trophy Player of the Year Candace Parker," said Mark D. Gibson, Assistant Vice President of Advertising at State Farm. "Her outstanding accomplishments as a student-athlete, on and off the court, make her truly deserving of this wonderful honor. We look forward to seeing Candace fulfill the rest of her basketball dreams."

The Wade Trophy, named after the late, legendary three-time national champion Delta State University head coach Lily Margaret Wade, debuted in 1978 as the first-ever women's national player of the year award in college basketball. Past winners of the Wade Trophy include: Carol Blazejowski (1978-inaugural winner), Nancy Lieberman (1979 and 1980), Cheryl Miller (1984), Rebecca Lobo (1995), Ticha Penicheiro (1998) and Sue Bird (2002). Last year's recipient of The State Farm Wade

Trophy was Seimone Augustus (Louisiana State University), who also received the honor in 2005.

The WBCA has been in partnership with The National Association of Girls and Women in Sport (NAGWS) for five years in presenting The State Farm Wade Trophy Player of the Year Award. A committee comprised of coaches, administration and media from across the United States selects the winner.

Parker will be formally presented her award at the WBCA Awards Luncheon presented by State Farm and Jostens on Tuesday, April 3, 2007, at 12:00 (ET) in the Crowne Plaza's Grand Ballroom. The State Farm Wade Trophy Player of the Year presentation 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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