



PRESS RELEASE

WBCA Honors the 2008 RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA Regional Coaches of the Year

ATLANTA, Ga. (March 7, 2008) -- The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) is proud to announce the 2008 RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA Regional Coach of the Year winners for the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II and III and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

Below are the RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA Regional Coaches of the Year winners listed by division:

NCAA Division II

Region	Coach	Institution
1	Trisha Brown	Stonehill College
2	Cindy Martin	Indiana University of Pennsylvania
3	Melissa Tiber	Tusculum College
4	Jeff Curtis	Northwood University
	Marilyn Rule	
5	Heinrich	Nova Southeastern University
6	Jim Middleton	Southwest Baptist University
7	Chad Lavin	University of South Dakota
8	Julie Van Beek	Seattle Pacific University

NCAA Division III

Region	Coach	Institution
1	Carla Berube	Tufts University
2	Lindsay Drury	William Smith College
3	Dawn Henderson	The College of New Jersey
4	Janice Luck	Albright College
5	Chris Kielsmeier	Howard Payne University
6	Michele Durand	Ohio Northern University
7	Mia Smith	Illinois Wesleyan University
8	Brian Niemuth	Simpson College

NAIA

Region	Coach	Institution
1	Russ Davis	Vanguard University
2	George Wilson	College of the Ozarks
3	Donnita Drain	Langston University
4	Jody Martinez	Bethel College (IN)
5	Mark Campbell	Union University
6	Jonathan Norton	Berry College

The winners are 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. If a coach has been selected as Regional Coach of the Year, they advance as a finalist to the national level of the selection process along with the other Regional Coaches of the Year in their respective division. The number of coaches varies depending on affiliation.

NCAA Division III Final Four coaches are eligible to be considered for the Russell Athletic/WBCA National Coach of the Year even if they are not named the coach of the year for their respective region. Russell Athletic/WBCA Regional Coaches of the Year are not selected for Junior College/Community College.

The winners of the WBCA National Coach of the Year for each division will be honored on Monday, April 7, 2008, at Noon (ET) during the RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA National Coach of the Year Luncheon presented by AstraZeneca in the Marriott Waterside's Grand Ballroom. The luncheon is part of the 2008 WBCA National Convention, held in conjunction with the NCAA® Women's Final Four®.

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